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OLDER PUPILS TURN NURSERY TEACHERS!



ABOVE:
THE nursery children at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School were learning new skills last week - helped by older pupils in years 5 and 6. (SEE MORE PICTURES ON PAGE 25).

BARRY WIDOWER IS BLINDED FOR LIFE

A widower who was still coming to terms with the death of his wife, and was already blind in one eye, lost the sight in the other one when a man jabbed a broken bottle in it, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

Judge Neil Bidder said of the victim: "It is not an understatement to say his life has been ruined."

(TO READ THE FULL STORY, TURN TO PAGE 9).

THREE PEAKS CHALLENGE IN MEMORY OF A TRUE FRIEND

Jason thanks Bill, and says: 'He was so inspirational!'

A brain tumour survivor from Barry is taking on the Three Peaks challenge - in memory of the late Bill Williams, who inspired him in his darkest moments.

Bill, a former civil engineer, was featured in The GEM in October 2011, thanking people who were donating to the Welsh Blood Service.

He had been diagnosed with myeloma - cancer of the bone marrow, and needed transfusions of red cells and platelets.

Sadly, he passed away at the University Hospital of Wales on July 13 last year with his family at his bedside.

However, in the two

Report by TIM CHAPMAN



JASON BARBER

years before he died, Bill was a great support to Jason Barber (34) who lives in the Romilly area of Barry.

Jason explained: "He was a smashing bloke - inspirational. I got to know him through his son, Miles.

"In 2010, I was diagnosed with a brain tumour.

"Bill kept encouraging me. He told me to keep positive and not give up."

Jason had even started compiling a 'bucket list' of things to do before he died.

However, Bill's optimism proved well-founded because in November 2010 Jason had a successful operation to remove the tumour.

He needed a second operation - Jason describes it as a 'washout' - to ensure he was free from infection.

Later this summer, he believes he will be given the all-clear.

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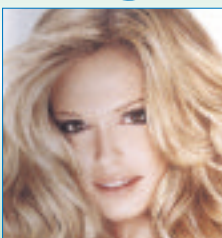
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MORE POLICE IS NOT THE ANSWER

WITH reference to recent correspondence on the subject of police commissioners, we do not need more police, we need better managed and more accountable police.

I, for one, would like to see an end to police corruption.

I would like to see an end to the system that allows police officers to retire on generous pensions, rather than face disciplinary action.

I would like to see an end to the scandals of fake police evidence.

None of these things could be achieved under

the cosy old arrangements.

Will they end under commissioners? Only time will tell.

As for comments on the low turnout for the election of commissioners, why such a low turnout for council elections, referenda and general elections?

May I suggest that the answer can be found if politicians looked in the mirror?

Finally, if critics really wish to save taxpayers' money, they should campaign for a reduction in the number of local authorities in Wales and the number of local councillors.

What chance?

John A. Turner, Rhosce.

'An utter waste of taxpayer's money'

I READ with considerable interest and disbelief comments made by South Wales Police Commissioner, Mr Alun Michael, against independent councillor Richard Bertin, recently.

Does Mr Michael readily forget that he was voted in as Commissioner by a very small majority?

This proves that the people of south Wales felt that his role and that of his two newly-appointed deputies, are a complete and utter waste of taxpayers' money.

We have managed our Police Force quite comfortably for over 100 years without having any need for this ridiculous new chain of command.

The trouble with some people is that they are always eager to spend other people's money on brash new identities, for the sake of jobs for the boys. Although Mr

Michael is no longer an MP, his position has been filled, so the taxpayer still has to foot the bill for the new MP, plus expenses.

Then we have three extra mouths chipping in the nest for food, again at the taxpayers' expense.

Add to this, the obvious extra office staff to cope with these new roles and the cost of office space and equipment to run the whole farce.

Why should we, as taxpayers, be given the burden of paying for these new posts – some of which are occupied by people way above retirement age and are already receiving pensions from previous occupations?

Barrie V Evans, Senior co-ordinator, Barry First Group/Coordinator, Barry Voice.

Red kites are in the Vale!

WITH reference to the question posed by a GEM reader recently, we saw a red kite near Peterston super Ely in January this year. We also saw one south of the A48 near Bonvilston last year.

There have been other reliable sightings south west of Cowbridge, and also in the Hensol area, in the last two years.

So I am sure the answer to the question is 'yes'. Moody-Jones family, Peterston-super-Ely.

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More low cost carriers key to Cardiff Airport success

SOME years ago, when we lived in Somerset – about 12 miles from Bristol Airport – we regularly set off on our holidays from Cardiff Airport; however, now we live 12 miles from Cardiff Airport and we always fly from Bristol.

Why? As with all holidaymakers, we have to get the best deal with air travel, particularly since being hit with a multitude of 'Green Taxes', which have increased fares.

If the new management at Cardiff Airport are to have any success, they need to get the low cost carriers on board, to provide regular flights to a

good selection of European destinations at competitive prices.

Looking at yesterday's (April 11) departure board from Bristol, there were a total of 73 flights: 37 were Easyjet (51 per cent) and 15 Ryanair (21 per cent).

Regional airports depend heavily on short haul, non-package tourism, which is why Bristol is doing so well.

As with Cardiff, access roads to Bristol are not great, so this is not a huge problem; cheap travel is what we want, and hope to get from Cardiff Airport in the future. (Name and address supplied).

'Roundabouts are better than traffic lights'

SURPRISE, SURPRISE, the new traffic lights on the A48 have caused a tail-back!

When will the traffic 'experts' realise that lights are inefficient, extremely expensive, and the cause of thousands of hours of lost time for motorists and trade vehicles stuck in queues – under the excuse of traffic safety.

Major holdups in this area occur at The Murch, Dinas Powys; Stumpy Lodge, Barry; Tesco, Port Road; and each end of Palmerston Road, Barry – all because of unnecessary lights.

Roundabouts and mini roundabouts of all designs work extremely well on all major routes, and drivers are fully

aware of the rules of the road, to ensure a safe and free flow of traffic with minimum delays.

Or perhaps this is too simple and the expensive misguided National Transport Delivery Plan and technical staff involved would be made redundant?

I do not need to make any comment on the mess leading up to the Merry Harrier and the queues this has caused – or the Baron's Court mess – and I am still waiting to witness a cyclist, lycra-clad or not, use any of the specially-made cycle paths or crossings.

They still use the main carriageway, sometimes two or three abreast.

Ho hum.
R Davies, Barry.

Are traffic lights strictly necessary?

I WOULD like to agree with the letter printed in last week's GEM about Llanmaes traffic lights – but my position is, why were these lights installed?

The road is busy in the morning, end of school times and evenings – with some big lorries going up and down all day, to and from the power station and cement works in Aberhaw.

After that time, it is actually quite empty and I know this because I count traffic on that road.

The traffic lights just cause a lot of frustration to all drivers who hit them.

The best option for this and the site at the bottom of the hill would have been a couple of mini roundabouts – a lot cheaper to put in and

maintain. I wonder who thought we needed traffic lights? I never saw any public meetings about it – was it done surreptitiously?

We now have three sets when we used to have none – that is a lot of council money and now they are being 'improved'!

We also have traffic lights outside RAF St Athan west camp, which we never had when the camp was full of RAF people all working different shifts. So why do we need them now when the camp is quite empty?

I imagine we will be told it is a health and safety matter. I have searched the council minutes website but to no avail.

Perhaps someone could write in and tell me where I can find the minutes, if they are there?

Jeff Goodwin, Llantwit Major

A48 junction will waste tons of fuel

ONE of the great joys of receiving correspondence from the Vale Council following this year's UK record council tax rise, was the cheerful note from the operational manager, highways and engineering, headlined: 'Quality. Efficiency. Sustainability.' with a sub-headline 'Passionate about our service.'

The performance of highways and engineering is lamentable and hardly, as I understand the word, 'passionate'.

Calls, over a three-month period to the highways department via Contact IV, have achieved not even the return call promised.

However, it is the masterpiece of highway engineering at Sycamore Cross that really con-

cerns me. I was told by a colleague today that a queue extended way back through Bonvilston and he took circa 15 minutes to clear the new system.

My observation to him was that the over-engineered design was either intended as an entry for the 'Best Junction of the Year' competition, or someone was friendly with a traffic sign company!

At a time when we have linear potholes developing all along the A48, together with the more standard holes that are a real hazard to motorcyclists, large sums are diverted to grandiose schemes, with no consideration to the environmental fall-out created by near stationary traffic wasting fuel and concentrating emissions.

How much extra fuel will be used per annum by vehicles halting at the lights and how many extra tons of CO₂ emissions will result from thousands of extra stationary vehicles?

On Sunday, none of the cyclists I observed used the new cycle lane provision and, as has been the case in the 20-plus years I have used the junction, not a single pedestrian was in sight to use their new crossing places.

Without a doubt, the lunatics are in charge of the asylum and, as ever, at other people's expense. Dr Paul Langmaid CBE, Cowbridge.

SEE MORE LETTERS ON PAGE 24
If you have a view on any issues of local concern, write to the Editor at the address given below.

No pomp at Attlee funeral

THE late Clement Attlee, Labour Prime Minister, had his funeral in October 1967. He had served in the army, leaving with the rank of Major, and, with Churchill, had himself been a wartime leader.

His military pedigree outshone Margaret Thatcher – but not for him, or his family, pomp

and ceremony at his funeral.

It was held in the venerable Temple Church in London, attended by family and friends – "fewer than 150 people" reports stated at the time; and at the expense of his estate, and not the State.

The service lasted around 20 minutes. A great man; I feel honoured by his, and his family's, humility.

What a contrast. Christopher Short, Barry

COUNTING THE COST

CAN anyone tell me what is wrong with this country when in last week's GEM you had a family struggling to raise funds to send their child to America for treatment – and on the other hand, you have a Government spending £10 million on the funeral of a woman who destroyed so many lives?

For everyone else, it's cuts and more cuts. Why spend money on the dead, when everyone else in the country is struggling, and the NHS is desperate for money?

Mr P S Knight, Cowbridge.

'WERE LIVES CHANGED FOR THE BETTER?'

'SHE changed our lives' is about all Alun Cairns MP got right in his eulogy in The GEM last week to Margaret Thatcher.

He claimed home ownership was less than in some of the Eastern Bloc countries...really?

She had changed this by forcing councils to sell off council homes at a price below their value AND stopping them using what funds they had left to build new homes or improve the quality of the houses

they retained. She brought down General Galtieri in Argentina whilst supporting General Pinochet in Chile... The Poll Tax, damning Mandela as a terrorist, allowing Bloody Sunday and Hillsborough cover-ups... the list is endless.

History shows that she was the most unpopular and divisive Prime Minister in history who just happened to be a woman.

Yes she changed our lives... if only she hadn't!
Steve Reed Rhosce

HIGH TIDE TIMES

(UNTIL APRIL 25)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary. For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
18 Thur			12.09	7.4
19 Fri	00.36	7.5	13.22	7.2
20 Sat	01.59	7.2	14.53	7.3
21 Sun	03.23	7.5	16.06	7.7
22 Mon	04.24	8.1	16.57	8.3
23 Tues	05.14	8.7	17.41	8.9
24 Wed	06.01	9.3	18.24	9.5
25 Thur	06.44	9.7	19.05	9.9

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should always check with a tide table specific to their location.

Tragedy behind local man's marathon for Teenage Cancer Trust



Supporters fundraising at a 'onesie day'.

A DINAS POWYS man is running the London marathon this Sunday – to raise money for a cause that is very close to his family, writes Philip Irwin.

Nektarios Asthenidis-Dawson is running on behalf of the Teenage Cancer Trust after stepping in only eight weeks ago after the trust suffered a cancellation.

His wife, Melanie, told The GEM: "Nek is aiming to finish, giving his late start with the training – but he is determined to do so to honour my niece, who died at just 19, due to an aggressive blood cancer."

Melanie's niece was Jade Pemberton, who lived in Penarth. She and her family were shocked to the core when she went to

get what she thought was a chest infection checked out – and instead discovered that she had a rare form of cancer.

Melanie said: "Jade was told that she might have only three days to live."

She started immediate treatment, which was harrowing but seemed to be working, but she died three months later.

Melanie said: "The one thing that came out of it was that because Jade was 19, she would have to go onto an adult ward."

"Apart from being with people much older than her, the visiting hours would have been much shorter."

"She was able to find a place on the Sky ward in Cardiff's Children's Hospital, where there were other teenagers. Also, her family could be with her 24 hours a day."

As a result, Melanie's husband decided to run the London Marathon to fundraise for the Teenage Cancer Trust's Cardiff unit.

Melanie said: "To support him, we have been bag packing in Asda, Blu hair design in Penarth did a 'onesie day' and T-shirt Printing for Less in Barry donated T-shirts for the event."

"Many other local businesses have given substantial donations and the kindness that local people have shown has helped us enormously."

"To date we have raised over £6,700 and a final raffle will be taking place in Harris Pye on Friday with prizes such as signed CCFC top, signed boxing gloves and car hire for the weekend from Eurovehicle."

JASON TAKES ON 'THREE PEAKS' IN TRIBUTE TO BILL

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

Jason said: "I'm going to do the Three Peaks challenge in memory of Bill and will be raising money for research into lymphoma and leukaemia."

Jason is part of a group of six people taking on the challenge over three days from April 22-24, climbing Scafell Pike in England, Ben Nevis in Scotland and Snowdon in Wales.

Ironically, the 'triple-climb' was on his original bucket list, but instead of looking with dread at his situation, Jason is now able to look to an exciting future with his wife Layla (35) and their children Charlie-Jane (15), Ethan (13), Coby (7) and Adam (5).

Bill Williams' partner Gisela Linton said she was thrilled that Jason wanted to pay tribute to him: "It's wonderful that Jason has chosen to do this in his memory. He was a very special man."

"I hope people will do all they can to support Jason and the Three Peaks team."

If people would like to make a donation to Jason's fundraising, they should go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/up-the-peaks>



FLASHBACK: Bill Williams and Gisela Linton paid tribute to people who donate to the Welsh Blood Service in the October 13, 2011, edition of the GEM newspaper.

Fly-tipped rubbish clear-up planned near Daniel Street

AN OVERGROWN and unsightly parcel of land in Barry looks set for enforcement action, a local councillor has told The GEM.

Coun Richard Bertin said the land between Daniel Street and Westbury Close, had been the subject of numerous complaints by local residents about fly-tipping and pests over the last few years.

He explained that the land is privately owned and that he had been in touch with the Vale Council to see what could be done. Coun Bertin said: "I fully understand and support the residents who are angry about the poor state of this land."

"I have been in touch with both cleansing and enforcement at the Vale Council and they are now seeking action to get this site finally cleared."

THIEVES STEAL LEAD FROM ROOF OF PENARTH SCHOOL



ABOVE: The police would like to identify the person in the above image.

POLICE in Penarth are investigating the theft of a large amount of lead from the roof of Stanwell School on Salisbury Avenue.

It occurred in the early hours of Saturday, March 9, when four males entered the grounds of the school and removed approximately £4,000 worth of lead from the roof.

"At just after 4am on the same morning, they

were seen loading a van on Stanwell Road, which is just around the corner from Archer Road; this is believed to have been a white transit van with writing on the rear," a police spokesperson said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact PCSO Sara Johnson at Penarth Police Station, on 01656 869211 (ext. 33 315) or 101; or contact Crimestoppers, free, on 0800 555111 and quote reference 62130074212.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

LABOUR Vale and Barry town councillors Howard Hamilton, John Drysdale, Rhona Probert, Paula Hardy, Emma Pritchard and Charlotte Williams, will be holding ward surgeries on Saturday, April 20, at Highlight Park Community Centre, and at 115 High Street, between 11am and 12.30pm.

No appointment is necessary. For more information, contact Rhona Probert 07799136215.

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FocusBARRY has snapshot of Island history



The MV Greenwich being loaded with coal from pits in the Rhondda Valley by David Davies of Llandinam's Ocean Coal Company - he was responsible for the construction of Barry Docks.

It is believed the picture was taken sometime in the 1890s.

MEMBERS, supporters and invited guests of FocusBARRY held their April meeting at the West End Club last Friday evening.

The main event was a presentation and discussion regarding the history of Barry Island. The group were addressed by the chairman of the Barry Island Historical Group, Mr Mike Heffernan, who gave a concise illustrative presentation and a very interesting overview of Barry Island starting from 1884 and the building of Barry Docks. Andy Green briefed the meeting about the Barry Ideas Bank www.yourideasbank.org.uk which is about sharing ideas for making Barry a better place.

Supporters were also advised about

the forthcoming exhibition of Glyn Pooley's sketches, Between the Lines, on show at Art Central, Barry Town Hall from April 16 to May 11.

Also discussed were current topical issues, including the recent protest by Oakfield School parents; the 4.8 per cent council tax rise; access roads to Barry Island; openness and transparency at the Vale Council; the condition of the Knap lake and gardens; Nell's Point; the Big Fill campaign, and the Local Development Plan.

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Jeffrey Heathfield
Secretary, FocusBARRY

COMPETITION IS GOOD FOR ALL!

ON December 2, 2010, The GEM had an ultra-optimistic headline: ('We can transform Barry Island' says company - and 'Roll up your sleeves and let's make this happen').

The article continued on page three and began: "The new company has been set up with the aim of seizing a 'once in a lifetime opportunity to transform the future of Barry Island'".

This was all reported two-and-a-half years ago. What has happened to this company which styled itself "@ Barry Island" and aimed to secure a "world class development" to transform the image of the resort?

Various local worries set up the company but what has happened since? Not a lot.

In the same issue on page two in the letters contributions, it was predicted by contributor David Kennett of Barry, that Sainsbury's in Park

Crescent would "kill most of the smaller shops" and "provide alcohol and hot food up to midnight".

Wrong! It has not come to pass and Sainsbury's closes not at midnight, but at 11pm.

Finally, yet again in the same issue, page three has this gem (in The GEM!): "Local politicians back Broad Street campaign" against the siting of the Tesco 'One Stop Shop' citing predictions of increase in traffic, parking problems and late night alcohol nuisance.

Wrong again! As a local resident, this shop with its friendly managers and staff opens at 6am and closes at 11pm. It is a real boon to the local community and Broad Street can cope.

The name of the street says it all, and the nearby Premier Waterfront Store, which I also use, continues to flourish.

Under capitalism, isn't competition supposed to be good for us all?

Christopher Short,
Barry

WARD SURGERY

THE Labour Vale and Town councillors for Buttrills and Court wards, Brownwen Brooks, Pamela Drake, Jeff Evans and Stuart Egan, will be holding their regular monthly advice surgery this Saturday (April 20) from 10am-11.30am, in the meeting room of Barry Library, Kings Square. No appointment necessary.

Penarth Computer Club - on Screen

ONE of the interesting things about computing is the fun you can have picking up on the bits of poetic licence employed by the filmmakers; you can also work out when the film was made by the computers that are being shown on the big screen.

It can take quite a time for the film industry to catch up, sometimes deliberately long. It started with the Strowger switch in the old telephone exchanges.

The scene where a telephone engineer is frantically following the clicking mechanical vertical and rotational movements of electrical contacts as each number is dialled to trace the criminal's telephone call.

The scene persisted for dramatic effect long after the switches were reduced to static components and the drama was otherwise invisible.

For the same reason, for some time the work of computers was portrayed on the big screen by an operator loading large reels of tape onto spindles and the tape winding from reel to reel on the face of an enormous cabinet (the computer). When the computers were reduced to small dull boxes the drama had to be transferred to the computer screen.

To retain impact, it was necessary to make the text large and flashing to say "WARNING" in bright colour.

Meanwhile, computer screens in the background of the picture were shown with text scrolling up the screen with no-one manning the computer.

Then there is the scene where the computer is cracking a password character by character and the tense wait for the final character to drop into place in the nick of time. Spurious drama; cracking doesn't work that

way. You cannot crack a password character by character; you have to test the complete word each time.

Cracker software can generate millions of combinations and check them at extreme speed, of course.

What makes the work easier is using a weak password. (The most common password is "password" as some people don't bother to set their own.) More about that important subject another time.

It calls to mind one bit of realism in a film. In *Clear and Present Danger* Harrison Ford's character asks a computer whiz to hack into a baddie's computer.

As our hero is leaving the room with a colleague, the cracker is heard muttering: "his birthday backwards - wife's birthday backwards - I'M IN!". Hero and colleague exchange startled glances: "I'm going to change my password!" "So am I!" is the reply.

The Strowger switch: named after an undertaker, AB Strowger, of Kansas City.

The manual switchboard operator was putting all his undertaking business calls through to a competitor.

His solution was not to make a fuss, but eliminate the operator by automating the exchange. He developed his switch from emerging technology.

With others he formed the Strowger Automatic Telephone Exchange, in 1891.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 23 at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, at 7.30pm. It's another Brains Trust, where questions may even be answered! See our website at penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

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'Barry regeneration board is in crisis' Tory politicians claim

'THE Barry Regeneration Partnership Board is in meltdown' – that was the stark claim of two of Wales' most prominent Conservative politicians.

Alun Cairns, the MP for the Vale, and Andrew RT Davies, the leader of the party in Wales, say they were approached by board members, frustrated at a perceived lack of progress, following a board meeting on April 12.

However, when The GEM contacted the Vale Council, it expressed surprise at the news.

Mr Cairns and Mr Davies say the crisis has come about because some board members feel there has been a lack of action and progress.

The MP and AM claim there is particular concern over a "lack of clarity" from the Vale Council and Welsh Government over delivery of phase two regeneration for the town.

Mr Cairns said: "These allegations are a real concern."

"It would be a tragedy for Barry if we were to lose committed champions of regeneration, particularly in light of the opportunities that present themselves in view of the Welsh Government's new announcements on

regeneration funding.

"It is vital that the Vale Council considers these allegations of apparent meltdown and disillusionment so that the board can continue its vital partnership work and deliver positive outcomes for the people of Barry."

"At the outset, there was such optimism and the Collins report, which offered recommendations for the Island, has now been sidelined. This is such a missed opportunity."

URGENCY

Mr Davies said: "Board members have approached me with deeply held concerns in relation to the apparent meltdown of this partnership, and spoken of a growing sense of inactivity."

"They have spoken of a willingness to walk away from the board as they are increasingly starting to believe that their time is being wasted."

"This simply isn't good enough and the council need to address this as a matter of urgency."

Island traders had welcomed the so-called 'Collins Plan', which proposed an aquarium attraction on Nell's Point, but the Vale Council's cabinet has decided that avenue of regeneration is "too risky".

Regeneration board member, Paul Haley expressed frustration that a commissioned report had recommended the aquarium, but that the Vale cabinet had rejected it.

He said: "The Vale cabinet paper of March 18 usurped the decision-making process of the Barry Regeneration Board which was actively pursuing three under-cover attractions for Nell's Point."

"The Vale Council has decided to go a different way and has undermined the governance of the regeneration board and have not provided key information to enable proper challenge and scrutiny regarding risk assessments."

"The council has had 15 years to put something on Nell's Point, but has come up with nothing."

'ACTIVE ROLE'

The cabinet member for regeneration at the Vale Council, Coun Lis Burnett, said she would be in touch with the board members to find out what their concerns might be.

"After a positive meeting last week, this has come as a total surprise, as no board members expressed concern that they felt the partnership was in meltdown."

"Indeed, the board will have a very active and important role to play in progressing the

regeneration activity over the next 12 months, but also placing Barry in the best possible position for future regeneration funding. I will be urgently contacting all members of the board to establish what concerns, if any, exist. I will then be in a better position to respond in more detail."

A spokesman for the Welsh Government said that current funding was aimed at bringing an attraction to Nell's Point:

"The Welsh Government is working with partners to fulfil our commitment to invest £9.8m in Barry Regeneration Area by March 2014; £6.5m of this has already been invested in 36 projects in Barry," he pointed out.

"The priority for the £3.3m remaining for 2013/14 is delivering an improved visitor experience and stimulating new private sector investment in Barry Island."

"Our funding is designed to facilitate the kind of high quality attraction development on Nell's Point envisaged in the recent Collins Leisure/LDP report."

"The allocation of Welsh Government targeted regeneration investment beyond 2014 will be subject to the application process set out in 'Vibrant and Viable Places – a new regeneration framework' and detailed guidance will be published shortly," he explained.

Airport gets boost from Thomas Cook

by PHILIP IRWIN

TRAVEL company Thomas Cook has given the Welsh Government good news – just weeks after it paid out £52 million to buy Cardiff Airport.

The travel company is making more seats available on flights leaving Cardiff Airport this summer – potentially a total of 12,000 – after replacing the airline's A320 aircraft with a larger A321, and increasing the number of flights.

The A321 has 40 extra seats and a capacity of 220 and, coupled with more flights than last year – including twice as many holidays available to Tunisia – the airline says that there will be around 12,000 more seats on sale.

Jon Home, the CEO at Cardiff Airport, said: "We are delighted to see Thomas Cook's response in offering more seats this summer, which is exactly what Welsh holi-

day makers have been asking for.

"We are listening to the market and doing all we can to encourage airlines to take up the opportunity that exists to serve the people of Wales."

"This is just the beginning of what we hope will be an increasing choice of services for the people of Wales from their airport."

Rob Thompson, Thomas Cook Airline's director of planning, said: "It's great news that we're able to offer holidaymakers in the region more seats than ever before with our larger aircraft, giving them more options for their summer break from Cardiff Airport."

Thomas Cook's Cardiff Queen's Street and Grand Arcade store manager, Annette Hammond, said: "We've seen unprecedented demand for local departures from Cardiff Airport – it's the first thing people ask for."

NEWS FROM ROMILLY PRIMARY SCHOOL



ABOVE: Children from Romilly, pictured with teacher Mrs Rebecca Faulkner and Funky Dragon representative, Lauren Evans.

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you did Funky Dragon proud!" a spokesperson said.

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WI MEMBERS TURN MODELS FOR A TOUCH OF SPRING!

A BREATH of spring banished the chill at Rhoseo WI's monthly meeting on April 4 – in the form of a fashion show by the Samantha B store of Ewenny.

The models were WI members, Avril Phillips, June Pallister, Glenys Watson, Pat Richards, Susan Grant and Susan Hamer, all of whom looked very elegant and trod the catwalk with aplomb.

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the show and the beautiful outfits prompted much discussion and interest.

The audience was asked to guess the cost of one of these and the winning estimate was made by Shirley Hardwick, who received a voucher to spend at the store.

The evening had begun on a sad note as the president informed everyone that Joan Pengilly, a long-standing member of the institute, had passed away.

A minute's silence was held in memory of Joan, who despite her long and chronic illness had been a stalwart member, continuing to support meetings and events even when unable to attend in person. We extend our sympathy to

her friends, Eileen and Ray Eeles; Joan will be missed. The president then reminded the meeting of a number of future plans, including the fundraising spring fayre to be held on the morning of May 25.

Tea and coffee will be served and members were asked to provide items for cake, plant, white elephant, tombola and book stalls and for the raffle – this event being open to members of the public.

Rhoseo WI will receive the Glamorgan Federation commemorative book from St Athan WI at the link meeting and pass it on to Cadoxton WI, having added their pages.

These have been written and illustrated by Jill Jones, Jeannie Morris Peters and a number of other members. Thanks to all who contributed.

The next meeting on Wednesday May 1 will be the AGM when a new

committee will be elected, and a list of nominees displayed.

Competition winners were announced as follows: limerick competition winner Geraldine Aslett; monthly competition Pam Jupp; raffle Pam Darlington. The May meeting place on May 1 is at the Community Hall, Stewart Road at 7.30pm. New members and visitors welcome.

Forthcoming events:

April 16 link meeting at St Athan WI. April 19, Skittles at the Rhoseo Social Club at 2pm and afterwards at 'coffee time'. April 23, Lunch Club at The Highwayman at 12 noon. April 29, spring council meeting, Porthcawl. May 25, spring fayre.

June 12, tea and tour at Plas Llanmihangel.

July 16, educational trip to Tredegar House.

July 27, coffee morning. JJ



'Armed Forces Day' plans for Penarth

ON Saturday, June 22, an Armed Forces parade will be held in Penarth town centre – to mark Armed Forces Day 2013.

This is the third time that the Town Council together with the Royal British Legion, Penarth Branch, 580 Transport Squadron RLC Welsh Transport Regiment, Penarth Police and Vale Council Highways have organised such an event.

This year, the working group has been expanded to include representatives from HMS

Cambria, RAF St Athan and Dr Jonathan Hicks, the head of St Cyres School.

The working group decided to move the parade from a Wednesday evening to a Saturday and for military activities such as a climbing wall and publicity displays to be staged in Lower Glebe Street with a military vehicle display at a location to be determined.

In addition, sixth form pupils from St Cyres School will be offering the public online searches into military archives at West House on the day, and the working

group is also hoping to arrange an exhibition of Penarth's military connections.

Local uniformed and non-uniformed organisations are being asked to take part in the parade, in honour of the Armed Forces.

The parade will commence from West House at 12 noon and activities and displays will take place from 10am - 3pm.

Local businesses are being asked to support the activities and Armed Forces Day by dressing their premises in red, white and blue.

The Town Mayor COUN Philip Rapier said: "Armed Forces Day presents us with the opportunity to recognise the invaluable work carried out on our behalf by serving men and women all over the world.

"Not only in their brave defence of our country, but also in dealing with emergencies of all kinds at home."

NEWS FROM CWM TALWG NATURE RESERVE

Diversity key to success...

IN 2012, the group received £100 as first prize in the community section of the Vale Wildlife Awards. These are organised by the Vale Biodiversity Partnership and financed by RWE nPower.

The judge commented: "The wood's wildlife has benefited though the maintenance and encouragement of natural diversity, rather than 'gardening'."

"The CWRG do an excellent job that I hope continues long into the future."

The Green Flag Community Award (previously the Green Pennant Award) organised by the Keep Britain Tidy Group, was given to the Cwm Talwg site for the ninth year running.

The CWRG is the only group in Wales to have received this award consecutively for so many years.

FINANCES
THE group received a grant from the Forestry Authority for 50 per cent of the cost of coppicing in the Cwm Talwg Nature Reserve. The first section of this was carried

early this year by a local contractor.

The Vale Council gave a grant for brush cutting the bank in the area opposite Gwenog Court in late spring and autumn.

Waitrose featured the group in their community scheme and this raised £510.

ACTIVITIES

NATURE walks continued on the first Sunday of each month at 10.30am.

A faithful band of members met on most other Sundays at 10am to work on the project, to pick up litter, clear out the pond, maintain the paths as necessary and mow the grass beside the paths inside the project.

The Vale Council mows the grass by the pavement.

MEMBERSHIP
MEMBERSHIP is a modest £2 per person, £1 for pensioners and £3 for families.

Cheques should be payable to the Cwm Talwg Woodlands Residents Group and sent to group secretary Anne Bryan, 31 Colcot Road, Barry, CF 62 8HJ.

Chance for young to tread the boards

BARRY Arts Festival has announced that the Town Council is sponsoring children and young people to learn theatre skills and to present a show on Friday, May 31 in the Masonic Hall, Barry.

There will be two productions in the YTW – Wizard of Oz for younger children, and Chicago

for the older age group.

The week will run in Crossway Methodist church and spaces are limited. To book a place, contact Sarah on 079823 19456.

Following confirmation that the parade will take place on Saturday, May 25, the festival team is looking for organisations

to take part.

Any voluntary groups, bands, dance classes, theatre groups, businesses, schools, churches, choirs who want to take part should get in touch with BAF on 079823 19456, or go to: www.barryartsfestival.co.uk/www.facebook.com/barryartsfestival.

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Beauty of Chinese folding books is brought to the Bay by Barry artist



ABOVE: An exhibit by Sue Hunt.

AN artist from Barry has brought a fascinating exhibition of Chinese folding books to south Wales.

Mary Husted was inspired to draw together the threads of the exhibition - 'Open Books' - following visits to Hong Kong and China.

She explained: "After becoming fascinated with the Chinese folding and expanding books, I returned with a large number of them, which I sent out to a group of fellow artists in Hong Kong, Australia, England and Wales, to complete for an exhibition.

"The idea was for each artist to have the same format, but to fill and interpret it in completely individual ways. The resulting exhibition is wonderfully varied."

The exhibition opened last June in the National Library of Wales Aberystwyth for three months, and is currently showing in BayArt in Cardiff Bay before visiting China, Hong Kong, and Australia.

Mary explained: "As well as being a fruitful collaboration between artists and curators from various countries, this is a wonderful showcase for Welsh art internationally and it's showing in BayArt is a chance to catch this exhibition before it goes off on a world tour."

From Hong Kong there is one artist, Ou Da Wei, who works within the Chinese tradition of dry brush painting, while two others, Gukzik Lau and Frank Vigneron,



Jane Hutt AM with Mary Husted on the opening day of the exhibition at Bay Art.

make work which is entirely contemporary.

The two Australian artists, GW Bot and Robin Wallace-Crabbe, are highly regarded artists, at home and abroad, while the artist Natalie d'Arbeloff, is a very well respected book artist, based in London.

The other ten artists, Iwan Bala, David Gould, Clive Hicks-Jenkins, Sue Hunt, Maggie James, Heather Nixon, Alan Salisbury, Lois Williams, Sue Williams, and Mary are based in Wales.

Mary said: "All are established artists with long histories of exhibiting nationally and internationally. Some of them are major prizewinners and extremely well-known."

"All in all the selected artists exhibit a wide range in style and subject matter, showing a focus and individuality entirely their own, which makes for a lively and inventive exhibition."

The exhibition aims to challenge the concept of books, celebrating its potential at a time when there is a serious concern as to its survival in hard copy form in the age of Kindle and e-publishing.

The exhibition was officially opened on April 13 by the Vale's Assembly Member, Jane Hutt with 150 people present. Professor Tony Curtis gave an introductory speech.

It will run until May 10 and its opening hours are 12 noon to 5pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Admission is free.

Jane Hutt told The GEM: "It was a privilege to take part in the opening of this inspirational Open Books exhibition curated by the Barry artist Mary Husted."

"The exhibition is open until May 10, at Bay Art in Bute Street, Cardiff."

A catalogue for this exhibition can be read online at

NEWS FROM THE PENARTH AND DISTRICT RAMBLERS

Walkers take a 14-mile trek along snowline

RECENTLY, the mid-week walk was led by William, who was joined by five keen walkers on a 14-mile adventure that would see them walking the ridgeway mountain tops from Pontypool to Abergavenny - with the highest part of their route still above the snow line.

From Pontypool leisure centre, on a cold but dry morning, and crossing the Afon Llwyd or grey river and going through Pontypool Park, a steep climb led to the Shell Grotto and the Folly at Pen-y-Park both constructed by the Hanbury family, who resided at Park House.

The group climbed steadily to the 425m Mynydd Garn-Wen, which is one of the highest peaks in Monmouthshire and enjoyed tremendous views of Llandegefdd reservoir to the east, Blaenavon and the Avon valley in the west and the great outline of Breconshire straight ahead.

They continued across the open snow-covered moorland of Mynydd y Garn-Fawr, which contains round cairns that date back to the Bronze Age.

Heading downhill, they reached the remains of Hills Tramway, built around 1820 by Thomas Hill, who managed Blaenavon Ironworks, to establish a link with the

Brecon/Abergavenny canal and the Blaenavon Ironworks when iron was carried in wagons drawn by horses to the canal basin at Llanfoist below.

Following the old tramway, Abergavenny nestling in the Usk valley soon came into view and descending very steeply to Llanfoist Wharf which is now home to a canal boat hire company, they passed through the tunnel beneath the canal walking towards the River Usk.

Crossing a stone bridge and through castle meadows, the group reached the castle which was deliberately damaged during the English Civil War to prevent it becoming a stronghold and now lies in ruins.

Making their way to St Mary's Priory, there was just time to view some of the fine carvings before they caught the bus for the journey back to Pontypool.

On April 20, meet at 9.30am at Cogan Leisure Centre for a 6.5-mile moderate walk on the Iolo Morgannwg Trail which begins in Cowbridge; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On April 21, meet at 9.30am at Cogan for a 10-mile hard walk taking in Mynydd Llangorse and Mynydd Troed; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

Rucksack badges, programmes and membership advice from Pam, on 02920 255102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Timely tips on first aid

THE speaker at Sully U3A's April meeting was Pat Chestney from St John

Cymru/Wales, whose theme was 'What would you do in an emergency?'

Pat was a nurse for 36 years and since retiring five years ago, has been a volunteer with St John.

The talk covered a wide range of topics and members were asked how they would respond to someone having a seizure; what they would do if someone were choking, or had had an electric shock; and would they recognise that someone was having a stroke, a TIA (Transient Ischaemic Attack) or an angina attack?

With the aid of slides and video, Pat explained how to recognise these

conditions; for example, the difference between someone coughing and choking, and how to help the patient whilst protecting oneself, especially if someone had had an electric shock.

Pat also gave a demonstration of CPR and explained how it should be dealt with differently in adults, children and babies.

Responding in these sorts of emergencies, before the emergency services are able to attend, could make a vital difference to the patient.

There were many questions from the audience, both during and after Pat's talk.

Sully U3A meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Old School, Sully at 2pm.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, May 9. New members are welcome.



BAMBOROUGH CASTLE

Barry club images selected for Welsh Photography Salon

THE Photographic Alliance of Great Britain (PAGB) is an organisation that co-ordinates specific activities, such as competitions, for photographic clubs in Wales, England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

It does this through 15 geographical regions known as federations. The Welsh Photography Federation (WPF) is one such geographic region and consists of 51 clubs. Barry Camera Club is affiliated to the WPF and as a club has entered a number of its members' prints and images into its 2013 competition, otherwise known as a Salon.

The results of the 2013 Welsh Salon of Photography have been collated and the judges have accepted a total of

141 prints (92 colour and 49 monochrome) and 131 digital images.

Club members Brian Trego, Catherine Charlton-Whitaker, Frank Cleland and Mike Lewis from Barry Camera Club were all successful in gaining acceptances.

Brian had a total of four prints and one digital image; Catherine two digital images, and Frank and Mike one print each.

For Frank and Catherine, this was the first time that they had entered any of their work into this Salon. Well done to everyone.

A display of all prints/digital images will be on display at Pontypridd Museum. The official opening will take place on May 7 at around 6:30pm and continue until the end of the month.

Barry Camera Club meets every Friday



Old Aboriginal Man evening from 7pm to 9.30pm between September and May at St Francis Millennium Centre, Porth-y-Castell, Barry Garden Suburb, Barry, CF62 6NX. New members are always welcome to attend with no obligation to join. Alternatively, for more information visit www.barrycameraclub.org.uk

FRANK CLELAND

CIVIC VISIT TO HMS EXPRESS

THE Penarth Mayor, Coun Philip Rapier, and Mayoress recently visited HMS Express and were welcomed by Commander Herman, Lt Ben Power, officers and crew of HMS Express and members of the Cardiff University Royal Naval Unit.

"We are very proud that HMS Express is based at Penarth Marina. We toured the ship and were fascinated by the GPS navigation equipment on board. Later, we enjoyed their excellent hospitality at HMS Cambria" the mayor reported.

"We learned first hand from the undergraduates how much they enjoyed the challenging addition to life at Cardiff University being part of URNU and HMS Express. The company of HMS Express also work closely with our own Penarth Sea Cadets."



ABOVE AND BELOW: The Mayor and Mayoress are pictured at the Women's World Day of Prayer at All Saints on St David's Day



Heart attack suspect in sea rescue drama

A MAN who suffered a suspected heart attack when cut off by the tide on Bendoricks Rock was at the centre of a dramatic rescue last week.

The volunteer crew of Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat played a key part in the rescue, in which the man was later airlifted to hospital.

The crew was paged to launch the all-weather lifeboat off Sully and the station's smaller boat was also launched to enable crew to get in close to the rocks and give assistance to the man.

The coastguard, police and ambulance service were also called to the scene last Friday.

The crew of the Barry Dock RNLI lifeboat were able to reach the man

and give vital first aid, a spokesperson reported: "All members of the crew are highly trained to be able to give assistance in medical emergencies when casualties may be a long way from any other help - but on this occasion, the crew was pleased that volunteer crewman Dean Caldwell - a paramedic with the Welsh Ambulance Service, was on hand.

"Also in attendance was volunteer crew member Craig Pedersen, on his first shout with the lifesaving charity," the spokeswoman said.

"After assessing the casualty, the helicopter was called to airlift the man to hospital. Although the waterlogged conditions initially caused some difficulty for the helicopter landing, the medical evacuation was carried out and the lifeboat stood down".

NEW HIGH SHERIFF TAKES OFFICE



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CCTV AIDS ARRESTS

THE Vale Council's CCTV monitoring team helped police to make three arrests, find two missing people, and issue a street caution in Barry last week.

The police were contacted a total of 46 times by CCTV operators during the week ending April 14: two people

were arrested concerning theft on April 8; one missing person was found on April 9, and another the following day.

One person was arrested for allegedly being drunk in charge, and police issued a street caution over the possession of drugs on April 14.

Cabinet meets in Cowbridge

THE Vale Council will be holding their next community cabinet meeting on Monday, April 22 at 6pm in Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

It will be followed by a question and answer session, which will allow local residents to question the cabinet face-to-face.

THE inauguration of the new High Sheriff of South Glamorgan, Mrs Morfudd Meredith, took place with full ceremony and fanfares at the National Museum of Wales, last week.

Trumpeters on the staircase welcomed the new High Sheriff with a fanfare as Mrs Meredith, from Llantrithyd, near Cowbridge, entered the main hall of the museum. The Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan, Dr Peter Beck, invited the outgoing High Sheriff, Dr Arun Midha, to address the guests, and he was followed by Mrs Meredith.

Among those present were Vale AM Jane Hutt, local MP Alun Cairns, former Lord-Lieutenant, Captain Sir Norman Lloyd-Edwards, and former Wales rugby star, Gareth Edwards.



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CROWN COURT ROUND-UP by AJ SICLUNA

Barry man's life is 'ruined' after being blinded by attacker

A WIDOWER has been blinded for life after an attacker jabbed him with a broken wine bottle, cutting one of his eyes in half.

Alan Morris was already blind in his other eye because of acute glaucoma, Cardiff Crown Court heard.

He later said every aspect of his life had been ruined and that at the time he had wanted to die.

Anthony Sutton (23) of Treharne Road, Barry, pleaded guilty to a charge of wounding with intent and was jailed for nine years.

Judge Neil Bidder told him: "Mr Morris had walked up towards you in a non-threatening manner."

But, he said, Sutton then jabbed at him with a broken glass and the effect was to cut his eyeball in half.

The effect on the victim, said the judge, had been profound: "It is not an understatement to say his life has been ruined."

He pointed out that text messages later indicated Sutton had been "glorifying in what he had done."

Prosecutor John Probert said Mr Morris returned to his home in Barry after a night shift at 6.30am on March 4. He saw his son Lloyd engaged in an incident outside his home with Sutton.

He also noticed his car had been damaged, and he believed Sutton

was responsible. He went outside and noticed a broken wine bottle. Sutton picked up the base of it and Mr Morris then tried to call the police.

Sutton ran off and Mr Morris followed him into Thomson Street.

At that point, Sutton jabbed the piece of broken bottle into his right eye.

"He believed Sutton had been out to maim someone. He could not see, and was in extreme pain."

He could not bear doctors to touch the wound for some days.

Police investigated the incident and discovered text messages in which Sutton boasted that he had "glassed" Mr Morris in

the face.

Another text message said: "I'll come down there and kill every one of those people."

When arrested, he said he had not intended to cause the terrible consequences.

The court heard that Mr Morris had no perception of light in the damaged eye, which was ruptured and will have to be removed.

"He is now totally blind," said Mr Probert.

At the time, Mr Morris was in the process of getting over the death of his wife. He said he could do hardly anything for himself, and was scared to go outside, and had to have someone with him 24 hours a day.

He said he was worried about what would happen when Sutton came out of prison.

Ieuan Bennett, for Sutton, said: "He's still a young man, and his early years were difficult. He felt socially isolated and at the time

Jail for Barry man (19) after 'revenge attack'

ARMED with a length of PVC piping, a drinker in a Barry pub struck a man unconscious on the premises.

At Cardiff Crown Court, Joseph Bowsher (19), of Birch Grove, Barry, was jailed for a total of three years, two months, after pleading guilty to a charge of wounding David Jones with intent, grievous bodily harm, and possessing an offensive weapon.

Prosecutor John Probert said that on Friday, November 23, there was an incident in a Wetherspoon pub on Broad Street, Barry.

Before that, the defendant had been assaulted by a man because of a relationship he had with a woman.

At one point, a group had approached Mr Bowsher, who had run off.

But Bowsher returned armed with the length of pipe.

Judge Neil Bidder pointed out that the entire group should have been charged with a public order offence.

"This is a case of undercharging. They were intent on fighting," he said.

In the pub, Mr Jones was on his way to the lavatory when the defendant carried out his attack.

He struck him to the back of the head with great force and he lost consciousness.

Mr Jones was taken to the University Hospital of Wales, where two wounds were stitched and glued.

A doorman at the pub allowed Bowsher into the premises because he wanted to speak to his grandmother, and was then asked to leave.

The doorman said soon afterwards, Bowsher struck Mr Jones and he heard a "sickening thud".

When arrested, Bowsher admitted going to the pub, and striking out with

the pipe.

He was said to be in breach of a community order for battery and obstructing a police constable.

The battery involved domestic violence in which he had bitten his partner, punched her to the face four or five times, pulled her hair, and pushed her down the stairs.

Mr Jones stated that he suffered headaches and a loss of confidence.

Bowsher's counsel, Kevin Seal, said testimonials spoke well of him and he had a positive side.

"He is a Jekyll and Hyde kind of character, and when using alcohol and drugs, changes."

He said the gang involved had been reported by Bowsher's father to the police, and there had been threats in the past.

"But on the night in question, matters escalated, and the gang followed him, making him terrified."

"He had taken drink and drugs for Dutch courage, and he intended to use the fight to scare them off. He has recently been trying to become mature, and he still has a relationship with the woman he assaulted."

The judge said that others had assaulted Bowsher before the attack, which was a disgraceful incident when he was punched to the head by the gang.

All the men involved, he said, deserved to be prosecuted.

"You were being dogged by this group, and it is significant mitigation, but does not really excuse what you then did."

Judge Bidder added: "You carried a revenge attack, provoked by the bad behaviour of the gang." He was ordered on release to pay £120 victim surcharge.

'Lucky man' escapes jail after offences

A THIEF who also handled stolen property and breached a suspended sentence, was described as a "lucky man" at Cardiff Crown Court, when he received a community order.

Steven Davies (29) of Tudor Estate, Caerau, Maesteg, had been convicted by Vale Magistrates of theft, failing to surrender to bail, driving without a licence and insurance, and handling stolen goods and had been committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

He was also in breach of a suspended sentence.

He was made subject to a community order, ordered to carry out 120 hours unpaid work, to pay costs of £150 and was disqualified from driving for a year.

Recorder Simon Mills told him: "You have been a very lucky man. You could have gone to prison."

Prosecutor John Warren said that on December 13, he stole toys from a Tesco store in Maesteg.

When security staff approached him, he said: "I don't know why I did it. I had money on me."

While on bail, he received a stolen

mountain bike, which had initially been worth £400. The police spotted the mountain bike in a car, which the defendant admitted driving without insurance or a licence.

He said he had altered the registration plates and had bought the bike for £50, not believing it was stolen.

The court heard he had convictions for 44 offences, including theft, possessing drugs, driving while disqualified and handling stolen goods.

The suspended sentence which he breached, involved possessing drugs with intent to supply.

Mr Warren said the circumstances were that when Davies' home was searched, police found four bars of cannabis. Davies said he had been acting as a custodian.

Meirion Davies, representing him, said that there was a strong possibility that Davies was about to obtain a job as a nightwatchman.

"He is realistic and expects to receive custody. He has now kept out of trouble for some time."

The Recorder said that at first, he had decided to send him to prison for nine months: "But I am going to draw back from that."

Out of the comfort zone!

WHAT is modern art? This is the question members of Sully Painting Group ask every year when they hold a modern art competition.

Modern Art encompasses an infinite variety of ideas and styles as was evident in the entries for this year's competition, an annual event to encourage the members to come out of their comfort zones and try something different.

The very difficult task of judging in the competition was kindly carried out this year by Hilary Powell, who has an interest in all kinds of art, and is a Guide in the Art section of the National Museum.

Jan Parson's intriguing picture of cog wheels was the winner, with Pat Clifton's beautiful composition of Irises second, and third was Una Trotman's colourful Cockerel.

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PARALYMPIAN ANTHONY RECEIVES MBE HONOUR AT WINDSOR CASTLE

**DISABILITY
Sport Wales,
National
Performance
Manager, Anthony
Hughes has
received an MBE
from the Queen for
services to sport, at
a ceremony in
Windsor Castle last
week.**

The Penarth-based former paralympian has achieved just about everything there is to achieve in a lifetime's commitment to sport. Having joined Disability Sport Wales as National Performance Manager in 1999, he has played a significant role in developing a system that has seen the number of Welsh paralympians grow from 17 in Sydney 2000 to 38 by London 2012.

Recognised as an outstanding athletics coach in his own right, he has steered many athletes to European and World Championship success, while at the London 2012 Paralympics Games his athletes excelled, with both Aled Sion Davies and Josie Pearson winning gold.

Anthony commented: "When I started my job at Disability Sport

Wales, I never imagined that one of my career highlights would be receiving an MBE from the Queen.

"Today was such a humbling experience. I am so grateful for all the support I have received over the years that has enabled me to do my job."

Gareth John, chairman, Disability Sport Wales said: "We are absolutely delighted for Anthony and hope that he and his family had a very special day at Windsor Castle."

"The MBE is so richly deserved, having dedicated much of his life to disability and paralympic sport. In a long and distinguished career, he has not only excelled as an elite athlete and coach, but he has also been personally responsible for the development of so many talented paralympians who have gone on to represent Wales and Great Britain with great distinction."

"His contribution to Welsh sport has been hugely significant and it is right and proper that he is being honoured."



Anthony Hughes with his sons Daniel and Thomas outside Windsor Castle.

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Ashgrove School pupils cleaning up the beaches!



A DEDICATED group of pupils at Ashgrove School have been carrying out beach cleans at local beaches, as part of the Coastal Connections project which takes learning and development outside to beach communities.

So far, pupils have collected around 100 garden recycling waste bags during their visits.

Coastal Connections works in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy, Surfers against Sewage, Porthcawl Surf, Puravida boardriders and The Marine Conversation Society.

It has been successfully run at Ashgrove School since the summer of 2011.

Pupils have the opportunity to learn and explore in an alternative environment; they develop confidence, self esteem, self-regulation and self-motivation are improved and they have a

better understanding of the importance of health and well-being.

This July, a team of colleagues at Ashgrove School are taking on a tough challenge to raise funds for the project – they are planning to stand up paddleboard from the Mumbles in Swansea to the Penarth pier during one very busy day.

If you would like to find out more about the challenge, how you could get involved or how the teams training is going, visit the website 'supchallengewales.wordpress.com'.

They are also on Twitter and Facebook. If you would like to donate, you can contact them at justgiving.com/welshSUPchallenge.

KERRY BAKER,
Project leader
Coastal Connections and teacher
at Ashgrove School.



MIND in the Vale's vital work praised

THE vital community work carried out by Mind in the Vale has won praise from the Conservative opposition leader in the National Assembly.

Regional AM Andrew RT Davies said, after meeting executive manager, Caroline Chapman, at Barry: "It is clear that mental health is still a taboo subject and that there is a lot of work to be done to address that."

"But it was uplifting to see what a positive difference the team make in showing that mental health issues needn't be a barrier to

living fulfilling lives."

The services offered by Mind in the Vale are provided at three locations in the Vale – in Barry, Penarth and in Llantwit, covering the Western Vale.

"Mind in the Vale rely heavily on the loyalty and support of their team of volunteers, of whom there were 92 last year – carrying out around 25,000 hours of work."

"They offer a vital community service to the area and the holistic support they offer is remarkable, particularly when you consider that they have just two full-time members of staff," said Mr Davies.



ABOVE: Caroline, Barney and Theresa with Andrew RT Davies, in the visitor garden at Mind in the Vale's Barry office.

Scheme warns of road dangers

A ROAD safety initiative to warn motorcyclists about dangers on the road is being given a kick-start ahead of the summer.

BikeSafe is run by South Wales Police in partnership with local authorities and the Welsh Government, and is backed by the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO).

The initiative involves a two-day course where riders take part in classroom-based activities followed by a practical session, where qualified assessors give feedback on their riding style.

The BikeSafe programme has been released and bookings can be made online at www.bikesafe.co.uk.

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The Vale Council reviews its school counselling service

A REPORT has revealed that more than 300 young people have used the Vale council's school counselling service in the last year.

The council has recently invited tenders from organisations to run the service, which

has been run by Barnardo's Cymru since 2008.

It was in 2008 that the Vale Council received a Welsh Government grant for a school's counselling service, and the £42,000 funded a service provided by Barnardos.

In a recent report to the Vale Council cabi-

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net, it was revealed that the funding had risen to £192,000 in 2012/13.

Cabinet members were told that there had been an increase each year to grow the service slowly and ensure all secondary and special schools received a service.

All eight Vale secondary schools receive a service one or two days a week.

Additional days are allocated for special schools, out-of-school services, and some primary schools.

The Vale Council gets its funding as part of the Revenue Support Grant, and this funding now has to include provision for young people up to 19 years old.

A management board oversees the counselling service, and the board includes members of the education service, head teachers and members of the local health board.

The cabinet members were told that a procurement exercise has now been conducted and a preferred provider has been identified.

The service will continue to report to Welsh Government as required and will be part of any

Estyn inspection that takes place of the local authority or individual schools.

In a review of recent years, it was stated that more than 300 young people have used the service in the last year, making an average of five visits each.

The main reasons for referral were family, anger and bullying. Issues highlighted during counselling included family, self worth and anger.

The cabinet was told that 'YP-Core', a psychological tool used to measure stress levels of young people, showed a significant 10-point reduction in pre and post counselling intervention.

The Learning and Skills Department is aiming to procure a service from May 2013 for £185,000 per year for three years, until May 2016, and this has been awarded to Action for Children

NHS trusts draw up plans to tackle measles outbreak

by PHILIP IRWIN

HOSPITAL policy to tackle the Swansea measles outbreak in Bridgend county borough and the Vale seems to be reflecting the rate of uptake of the MMR vaccine over the last 12 years.

The number of cases has now passed the 700 mark, and more than 1,700 MMR vaccinations were given at the four drop-in clinics in Morriston, Singleton, Neath Port Talbot and the Princess of Wales hospitals last Saturday.

However, the Cardiff and Vale local Health Board is targeting areas where it is known that there was a low uptake. This includes two Cardiff secondary schools, but none in the Vale or Bridgend.

In the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg (ABM) area, people began queuing as early as 8.30am last Saturday for clinics which were scheduled to run from 10am-4pm. As a result, many of the clinics opened early.

Dr Sara Hayes, ABM director of public health said: "We are very pleased so many people turned up and I'd like to thank everyone for their patience while they waited to be seen."

"I cannot stress enough how important it is for people to have their MMR. The number of cases and people being hospitalised with measles is continuing to rise and we can only stop it by protecting those we can against it."

"Measles is a horrible disease and can have

long term effects such as deafness and blindness. This is why we are offering first vaccinations early to babies aged six months to one year.

"It's also very important for older children and adults born after 1970 to make sure they have had two MMRs."

"We will be running more MMR drop-in clinics next weekend, and details will be released as soon as arrangements are confirmed."

VALE VACCINATIONS

The emphasis in Cardiff and the Vale is different.

Dr Sharon Hopkins, director for public health for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board, said: "In outbreak areas such as Swansea, clinics have been advised to give anyone the vaccination who needs one."

"However, in non-outbreak areas such as Cardiff and the Vale, we are asking people to make sure that they attend their scheduled booster vaccination with their GP when it is due."

"Clinics held last Saturday were aimed at those who have had no vaccination or only one jab - for example, a teenager who had the first injection as a child but hasn't had a booster since."

"It is this group, the Wakefield generation, that we are particularly concerned about given their highly social nature, which means if they become infected they can quickly and

easily pass it to friends and siblings."

"That is why we are now focussing our energies on making sure as many people in this age group are protected."

"We are targeting two high schools in Cardiff that we know have a low take up of the MMR vaccine. We are also looking at what other avenues we can take to protect the public."

"Measles is easily contracted and easily spread and can have serious consequences. So I would urge parents to ensure their children are properly protected and if not, to take up an offer of vaccination through their school or to contact their GP."

Mark Drakeford AM, the Minister for Health and Social Services, said: "It is estimated that around 5,000 children still remain at risk from measles in the Swansea area alone."

"I anticipate therefore that the numbers of cases will continue to rise over the coming weeks until the levels of MMR vaccination coverage reach levels where the continuing circulation of measles in the community can be interrupted."

"It is important for us all to remember measles is not a trivial illness. In a minority of cases, it can lead to serious complications and it can be fatal."

"Regrettably, the more the disease continues to spread, the more likely these outcomes become. It is vital we build on the progress made so far and bring the outbreak under control."

AM sees Vale People First's new premises



VALE People First has moved to new premises on Broad Street, Barry and was visited by trustee and Vale AM, Jane Hutt, pictured here with Vale People First members and coordinator Liz Davidson.

SHELTER CYMRU GETS £2,000 FUNDING BOOST

SHELTER Cymru has received a £2,000 donation from Newydd, a housing association with properties in the Vale.

A spokeswoman said that Shelter Cymru has been hit by a substantial cut in the legal aid funding that supports its specialist advice services.

"This comes at a time when welfare changes mean that more people than ever need advice. The cumulative impact of the welfare changes by the UK Government has meant that social housing tenants will need to move home or accept a cut in benefits."

"With offices all over Wales, Shelter Cymru prevents people from

losing their homes by offering free, confidential and independent advice, advocacy and legal representation.

"The £2,000 donation from Newydd will go directly to support Shelter Cymru's housing advice services at this difficult time for tenants."

Paul Roberts, chief executive of Newydd, commented: "At a time where welfare reform is causing major upheaval in the housing sector, we feel it is essential to support Shelter Cymru as much as we can."

"The welfare of our tenants must come first and we will do as much as possible to support them through these major benefit changes."

John Puzey, director at Shelter Cymru added: "We greatly appreciate this very kind donation. The coming months are going to be very tough for a lot of people so we welcome Newydd's recognition of the importance of independent advice services in helping their tenants to manage their situation."

School hosts open afternoon

PARENTS in the Vale are invited to attend an open afternoon at Kings Monkton School in West Grove, Cardiff, on Friday, April 26, 2pm-5pm.

Parents will be able to view the school's facilities, speak to staff, and find out plans for the school's future from its new owner, Heathfield Independent Schools.

Opened in 1870, Kings Monkton School is one of the oldest co-educational independent schools in South Wales, and caters for children aged two to 16, of all abilities.

The school was bought earlier this year by local businessman Andrew McCarthy, who will be using his wealth of experience to grow and improve the school.

Julia Horton, acting principal at Kings Monkton School, said:

"Kings Monkton has a fantastic reputation and heritage, yet it remains one of the most affordable independent schools in the Cardiff area."

"We develop well-rounded children, both academically and socially, valuing academic outcomes as much as endeavour and we recently gained fantastic modular results, with some students scooping straight A and A* grades at this mid-year stage."

"Despite being based in the heart of our capital city, we pride ourselves on the fact that we maintain a village school ethos, providing a friendly and caring environment to our pupils, parents and staff."

Parents interested in attending the open day can call 02920 482854 or email info@kingsmonkton.org.uk.

Red kites are set to be a common sight in the Vale

LAST week's letter from GEM reader Stuart Yendle, reporting a sighting of a red kite, has led a number of people to get in touch with similar sightings.

The RSPB has also confirmed that sightings are likely to get more frequent from now on, as the birds move south from their mid-Wales heartland.

Lllysworney resident Mr Blake reported two sightings. However, his were 25 years apart!

He told The GEM: "I saw one two weeks ago at Lllysworney, and it has been 25 years since the previous sighting, which was in the same area."

GEM reader Rosemary Hocking said: "Last Thursday, April 11, we were on the A48 when we spotted a lone red kite flying over fields near Pentre Meyrick."

The Moody-Jones family of Peterston-super-Ely wrote to say that they had seen a red kite near their home in January, and also saw one last year near Bonvilston.

Dana Thomas from RSPB Cymru said: "Red kites have made a remarkable recovery from near extinction in the UK in the early 1900s, to become a familiar and well-loved species in several parts of the UK."

"The Welsh popula-



How to spot a red kite. (Image courtesy of RSPB).

tion is now widespread with over 1,000 pairs. The species is also moving south from its stronghold of mid Wales and is now starting to nest in the north of Glamorgan.

These sightings in the Vale are not surprising, and is a wonderful part of the red kites' success story so far."

Young Farmers set up a Tug of War team

AFTER a successful year competing for Glamorgan YFC last year, Young Farmers have now decided to start a Glamorgan Tug of War team.

The Tug of War team will aim to compete throughout the summer months, in local events and in any Welsh Tug of War competitions.

A spokeswoman said: "We would like to invite any members (both male and female) to join us in our meetings and training sessions. Anyone

interested should contact Kate Thomas, Zoe Llewellyn or Gwyn Johnson.

"Also, we would also like to invite members to a race night at Llanharan Rugby Club on April 27. Tickets are £5 each and this a ticket only event."

"There will be six races, plus a champion hurdle race, as well as betting. Some horses may be bought before the day for £5 and a £5 jockey fee. Tickets are available from Kate Thomas or Zoe Llewellyn (01443 225200)."

Glamorgan Tug of War Team.

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FAMILIES COLLECT AWARDS FROM THE CADOXTON YOUTH PROJECT



Celebration time at the Cadoxton Youth Project.

AT the end of eight days' free family sports activities at Cadoxton Sports Hall, hosted by Cadoxton Youth Project, trophies were handed out.

Two representatives from Dish out Dosh, James and Sam, presented the trophies to the families: Ling Ling Tang won in drama and basketball and collected the award on behalf of the family.

Ling Ling showed great dexterity and a willingness to help in the community.

Owen Hanwood received trophies for his family at hockey and football, showing great imagination in making up new games and being very energetic and enthusiastic.

Francis and Smyler Tucker and Tyler Hayman had the honour of receiving the awards for their family in

football and hockey, and all three showed a competitive edge and a willingness to win.

Nicky Cushen brought along his Olympic torch from the 2012 London Games to inspire everyone. Thanks go to Nicky Limbrick, Nicky Cushen, Rita Limbrick and the other volunteers for their hard work.

Many families in the community took part and free food bags were handed out in the community over the eight days. For more information on the Cadoxton Youth Project and food bags, contact Rita on 01446 621829.

Go the 'Whole Hog' for Marie Curie!

THE 'ultimate 10K cross-country adventure run' will take place on Saturday, May 11, and Marie Curie Cancer Care is calling on local teams to take up the challenge in the Brecon Beacons.

Claire Notman, regional events fundraiser, said: "The Whole Hog is an adventure race for individuals or teams of three where you run across varied terrain taking on military fitness style obstacles.

"This is not a race, although you will get competitive within your own teams and against others – all to be crowned the winner of The Whole Hog Wales!" "From climbing up banks, wading through rivers and scrambling through the mud, this will test your abilities as an individual and as a team.

"But what will get you through, other than the tasty Hog Roast at the end, is knowing that you are raising funds for Marie Curie Cancer Care nurses and helping support their work, allowing them to provide care for more terminally ill patients in their own home – or in your local Marie Curie Hospice at Penarth."

"Last year, we held

the event for the first time and we filled it, so this year we've moved to a new venue, still within the Brecon Beacons National Park, with a brand new course, with fantastic obstacles and where there will be plenty of mud, sweat and tears!" "Sign up today at www.mariecurie.org.uk/wholehogwales, call 0845 052 4184 or email waleswestevents@mariecurie.org.uk."

Olympian helps a tennis club mark centenary

A double Olympic champion is returning to his former tennis club, to mark its centenary celebrations.

Barry Tennis Club celebrates its 100 year anniversary with a special family open day from 2pm on Saturday, April 27.

The commemorations mark a nostalgic trip for guest of honour David Davies, who, before becoming a swimming Olympic medallist in Athens and Beijing, was a promising young tennis ace at the club.

Club members will be displaying period tennis costume, while visitors can try their hand at 21st century tennis by competing against a tennis ball machine; and also checking if they can serve a tennis ball as fast as Wimbledon champion Roger Federer's 135mph serve – with the aid of a special radar gun.

For youngsters, mini tennis tournaments with the club's junior coaches are being organised for 8 years and under, at 2.30pm and for 9-14 years at 3.30pm.

For the season ahead, the club is offering a new range of tennis activities to cater for all levels and interests.

The club has a ladies' and men's team competing in the Courtstall Summer Doubles Leagues, as well as two junior teams in the 14-

'CALLING THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE RUSTY!'

and-under league, and eight-and-under mixed league. Veterans tennis is available most weekday mornings for those who are retired or semi retired.

Barry Tennis Club has in recent years enjoyed national success, with its men's team picking up the national Wales' title and other teams winning regional prizes – as well as nurturing some of Wales' top young talent, and encouraging more people to have a go at tennis.

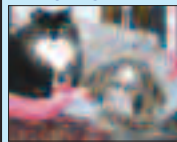
Members can use the club's pavilion with lounge, kitchen, changing rooms, toilets, and showers. It offers good viewing facilities of activities on courts.

Members have free use of tennis balls. There is also ample free car parking.

Commenting on the centenary season launch, club chairman, Harry Emery, said: "We are a club with a great tradition – and a great future."

"This is a wonderful landmark to celebrate and we welcome new members – the good, the bad, and the rusty. Ccme and join us in the celebrations!" AG

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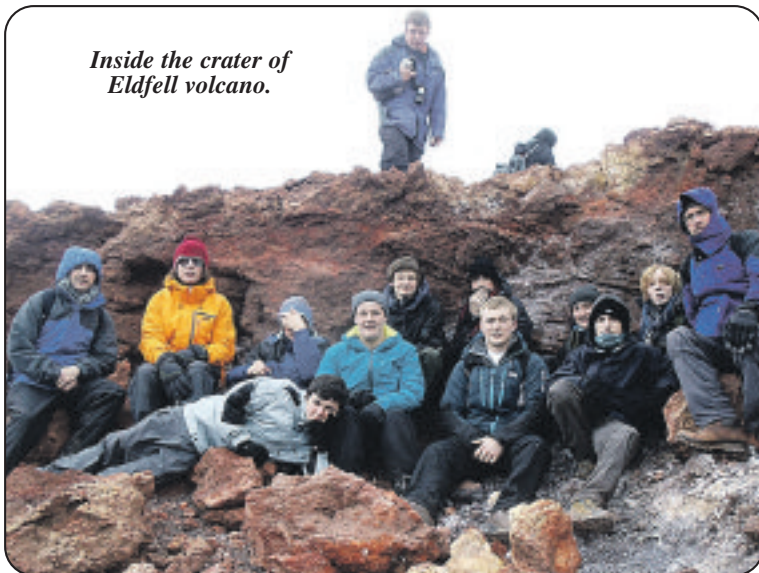
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NEWS FROM BARRY COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL

Students study an active volcano on Iceland visit

Inside the crater of Eldfell volcano.



The glacial lagoon at Jökulsárlón.

DURING the first week of the Easter holidays, Barry Comprehensive School undertook its fourth trip to Iceland.

All pupils studying geography and/or geology at A Level are given the opportunity to go on this 'trip of a lifetime'.

The group spent the first night in Reykjavik and visited the island of Heimaey, where they walked into the crater of the active volcano Eldfell.

The next few nights were spent on the south coast in Dyrhólaey, with visits to the spectacular glacial lagoon at Jökulsárlón and waterfalls at Skógafoss and Själandfoss.

The last two nights were spent back in Reykjavik, where the group visited the erupting hot water spouts of Geyser, the plate boundary at Flingvellir, and

the amazing waterfall at Gullfoss.

On the penultimate night, the students and staff were treated to an unforgettable three-hour display of the Northern Lights.

Finally, before flying home, everyone took the opportunity to relax at the Blue Lagoon geothermal pools.

As well as the amazing sights, the students were able to sample Icelandic cuisine, culture and get involved in plenty of banter.

The trip, which is a joint venture with Cowbridge Comprehensive, was once again a great success and the students were a credit to themselves and the school.

It is hoped that the spectacular sights and this experience of a very different geography, will help students as they continue their studies.

MP's choice for foodie award



Mr Rahman, proprietor and manager of The Royal India, with his staff and Alun Cairns.

VALE MP, Alun Cairns, has nominated the Royal India in Dinas Powys, as the best Asian restaurant in the UK in the Tiffin Cup competition.

This is awarded each year by an all-party group of MPs, who are asked to nominate a restaurant

in their constituency to be named the best South Asian restaurant in Britain.

"The aim is to applaud the quality of South Asian food in the UK, but also to raise a significant amount of money for the charity World Vision," the MP said.

Mr Cairns explained: "We've got some great Indian restaurants in the Vale and I'm delighted that

there was such a great response to the competition," he added.

A 'mystery customer' from the judging panel will visit the restaurant within the next few weeks.

During June, the shortlist will be announced, with the finalists receiving invitations to travel to Westminster to compete in the final for the Tiffin Cup.

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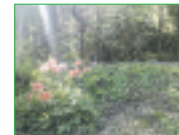
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Sunday Dance

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Trish Righton with Melanie Carter, Coun Eric Hacker and wife Heather.



VALEPLUS BIDS A FOND FAREWELL TO TRISH

THE VALEPLUS charity for people with a learning disability, recently presented Trish Righton with a bunch of flowers to mark her retirement, after serving on the trustee board for 10 years.

Coun Eric Hacker, Mayor of the Vale,

made the presentation at a coffee morning held to raise funds for ValePlus, and praised Trish for her commitment to the charity over the years. Melanie Carter also thanked Trish for her support and wished her well in the future.

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB Investigating the family tree...

IT'S time to talk to yourself, says Mike J. If you want to build a family tree, that's the way to start. But why would you want to build one in the first place?

The words fun, curiosity, interest, making friends and legacy cropped up, as well as delight and satisfaction of discovery, as Mike enthused about his long-term hobby. There is the frisson of excitement that you might stumble across an odd dark family secret in the process.

It is easier nowadays, as there is more information available. Some is free and some has to be paid for, but you are in charge of the process and costs can be controlled by pacing your research.

Getting started is easy. Interview yourself and write it all down. Keep it simple. Record the basic information on a sheet of paper – family name and all forenames; and the date and place of birth and Christening.

There are forms available that will help you to organise your records. Then interview as many relatives as you can.

It quickly becomes clear that there are some ground rules to follow.

Record facts. Record no assumptions unless they are clearly recorded as such.

Any uncertainties should be flagged with a view to getting verification at a later date.

Work in a set way. Use a form and ask the same questions.

A lot of progress can be made without a computer, but one certainly helps. It enables searches to be made on on-line sources; it can help keep your records neat and print them out for your record book.

Ask about old family photographs. Just browsing them can stir memories and there is often vital information written on the back.

Mike talked about how the branches on your tree can multiply rapidly.

When census records and church registers are exhausted (by following birth, death and marriage certificates) you can turn to armed forces records or even prison records.

There are societies one can join to share the fun and courses to attend to learn more.

Reading old records can sometimes be quite difficult, yet fascinating, as the language and writing styles have changed over time.

Mike is still enjoying the research and yes, he has found the odd family skeleton, previously unknown.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 23, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth. 7.30pm for 8pm. It will be another Brains Trust, where questions might even be answered. See our website at penarthcomputerclub.co.uk.

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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Doctor Bob Balloons in rebranding exercise



The Qualatex retail unit in the store.

THE popular business in High Street, Barry, doctor bob BALLOONS UNLIMITED, is being rebranded, to create a sleek, modern image for the years ahead.

The company is a family concern with the team – Bob, Claire, Julie and Amber – all working together to give the best advice and customer service.

The shop now has its own consultation room, where clients, whether they are brides, corporate representatives or simply somebody arranging a family celebration, can sit down with a member of staff, have a coffee, and discover the balloon creations and other products that will make their party or event go with a swing.

The company is one of only a few stores chosen by the makers of Qualatex balloons to launch its new retail units.

As a celebration of the partnership and the rebranding, the shop is holding a special balloon day on Friday, April 26, from 11am until 4pm.

A special character will be making appearances on the day and there will be a competition and free giveaways for the children.

Balloon bouquets, exclusively designed by Qualatex and doctor bob BALLOONS UNLIMITED, will be created in store.

Staff at the store can create hundreds of designs. Qualatex balloon bouquets by Doctor Bobs make unique gifts and are perfect for adding the 'wow' factor to any party or special occasion.

The owners, Claire Cummings and Bob Armstrong told The GEM: "We are delighted to be launching this fantastic new Qualatex range of balloons and we love making the balloon bouquets."

"Our shop is very much a family place, so we hope people will come along and support us."

The shop's showroom is on the ground floor, but downstairs another innovation is taking shape.

There is a children's party and 'balloon skills' area, where children can celebrate birthdays or play games.

On April 26, people will be invited to enter a competition to win £50 worth of Qualatex balloons for the special occasion of their choice.

Qualatex manufactures balloons of all shapes, sizes, colours and themes, so the prize will be great for any occasion whether it is for a wedding, christenings, hen night, child or adult birthday party, or even a corporate event.

Kevin Thain, Qualatex store development manager explained: "Qualatex balloons are available in High Street outlets across the UK, but the retail units we are launching here enable customers to select from a wider variety of balloons and have a unique balloon bouquet service."

"We are very excited about the launch of the new retail units and look forward to receiving customer feedback. With all these exclusive new designs, customers will be spoilt for choice!"



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CARDIFF - PENARTH

Goslin and Cooper combine in a drama that impresses... but it fails to run the course

WHEN Ryan Gosling recently announced he was taking a break from acting, it was understandable.

After all, since his breakout turn in 2006's *Half Nelson*, he has worked incredibly hard, building a reputation as one of the most intense and thrilling actors of his generation.

Before his little holiday he has two more films lined up, but his latest sees him on screen with recent Oscar nominee Bradley Cooper in *The Place Beyond the Pines*.

Gosling plays Luke, a motorcycle stunt rider who takes to robbing banks to help his newborn child and the child's mother Romina (Eva Mendes). His law-breaking brings him face-to-face with Avery (Cooper), an ambitious policeman who faces his own battle in making his way in a department ruled by corruption...

The Place Beyond the Pines marks the second time that Ryan Gosling

has worked with writer/director Derek Cianfrance, their first team-up the unflinching *Blue Valentine* and, on the basis of that film, is a piece eagerly awaited by those knocked out by that film's brutal look at the breakdown of a relationship.

The Place Beyond the Pines is another look at relationships, this time between fathers and their sons, yet carries a sense of drama, scope and scale that marks out Cianfrance as a writer/director of ambition; and while the film loses its way somewhat towards the end, this ambition in impressively realised.

It's a film that brings to mind the work of James Gray (*We Own the Night*, *The Yards*) in that it deals with crime, and its after-effects, and familial responsibility, and much like Gray, Cianfrance takes his time over the story, refusing to rush or push the pace.

While it results in a slowly paced film, it is also one that is rich in characters and the relationships that are drawn from them.



by GARETH JAMIESON

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Cianfrance's script relishes in the mundane, focusing on the characters within the story rather than on heightened dramatics. It is a world full of shady characters, but Cianfrance never moralises on their motives - Luke turns to crime to support his child, not to hurt anyone. Avery's moral compass is tested and pushed to the limit - resulting in the film moving in a world of grey, where the actions of people are

born of necessity rather than choice.

With two red-hot leads in Gosling and Bradley Cooper, Cianfrance draws strong performances from both. Gosling's charisma and magnetism holds the screen entirely and this is one of his finest performances to date, capturing Luke's internal struggle and his need to provide for the ones he loves with the skill-set he has, while a simmering rage that lies beneath occasionally bubbles to the surface.

Cooper's performance doesn't quite hit the heights of Gosling, but as a man crippled by feelings of guilt, and trying to stay true to his morals, he shines brightly.

With the likes of Eva Mendes (showing she can get down and dirty and deliver the goods), Ray Liotta and Dane DeHaan (who plays Luke's grown-up son) all giving strong performances, it is a well-acted piece that gives a good cast something of substance to work with.

The only thing that derails the film is a final act that sees us go for-

ward in time 15 years and see where the characters are. While elements, including the aforementioned DeHaan, work well, it's a shame that this strand of the story is the weakest and least engaging.

It makes the film, which isn't the paciest, slow right down and the finale, which should be a heightened moment of drama, doesn't hit home with the power that you would hope.

What goes before, however, is deeply impressive, and while Cianfrance can't quite sustain the movie over its 141 minute running time, what he does do works incredibly well.

VERDICT - An ambitious, sprawling work that reiterates Derek Cianfrance's credentials as a writer/director to watch. *The Place Beyond the Pines* may wobble towards its climax, but strong performances and Cianfrance's ability as a storyteller make it an engaging experience. Recommended.

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *Blue Valentine* (2010), *We Own the Night* (2007).

Potter throws a spell over the Art Central Friends

ON March 21, Geoffrey Swindell talked to members of Art Central Friends and interested members of the public, about his work and career at Art Central Gallery, King Square in Barry.

Geoff is an internationally-known potter, living on our doorstep and his work not only sells all over the world but is held in several national and international museum collections too.

His talk proved interesting and informative and he brought samples of his work, as well as a slide presentation.

What was most interesting to hear were the influences on Geoff's art, both his life experiences, as well as the eclectic range of source material as diverse as from the natural world to plastic toys from the Star War range, which he both photographs and collects.

He showed us how his work had developed and morphed throughout his working life. An ex-university lecturer, he has now retired and works only from September to May in his home studio -

he reserves the summer for his other great love - riding his motorbike.

He works in miniature, as most of his pieces hardly ever exceed four inches or 10cm in height, and are thrown using porcelain clay.

Geoff used the talk as preparation for his prestigious presentation at the Ashmolean Museum in Oxford later this week.

Art Central Friends welcome the public to come and hear or speakers.

The next talk is on May 9 in the Gallery at 7.30pm, when Glyn Pooley will speak to us about his current exhibi-

tion called 'Between the Lines', which runs from April 16-May 11.

'Between the Lines' is a series of drawings by the artist from a network of motivating and intriguing Welsh people, which he has expanded to include people such as Dr Rowan Williams - former Archbishop of Canterbury; Carwyn Jones - First Minister of Wales, Steve Brace - Olympic marathon runner, Dr Deirdre Beddoe - historian and Charles Byrd, artist.

MONIKA JONES, Chairman, Art Central Friends.

'Protect the bees!' - call

THE six Wildlife Trusts in Wales last week called on the Welsh Government to follow Scotland's lead and consider a ban on the use of three neonicotinoids (pesticides) which have been shown to be harmful to bees.

The call came on the day the Assembly launched its draft 'Action Plan for Pollinators'.

"These chemicals have been shown to affect the foraging behaviour of bees and damage bee brain function," said Rachel Sharp, CEO of Wildlife Trusts Wales.

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Sunday 12th May - Malvern Spring Show
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Friday 21st June - Bristol Shopping and River Cruise
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Wednesday 26th June - Porthcawl & Bridgend Outlet Village
Early lunch and a seaside stroll in Porthcawl before a couple of hours shopping at Mearthar Glen Outlet Village in Bridgend. Depart at 09.30 and Return at 17.00.
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Out and About with The GEM

£12,260 funding for radio station

NINE community radio stations across Wales have been awarded grants totalling £100,000, including £12,260 for Bro Radio, which is based in Barry.

Vale AM Jane Hutt AM said: "Bro Radio plays a valuable role drawing attention to local issues in the community and I am delighted that it has received funding to continue its excellent work."



'Superstars' support church's organ appeal

ON Friday, May 17, Superstars in the Making are performing at All Saints' Church, Barry to support the organ appeal.

Superstars in the Making is a professional training centre for the performing arts, based in Barry and trains students from all over south Wales.

They are frequently invited to perform at high profile events and

produce musicals each year, last year's being *Fame* at the Barry Memorial Hall.

Local celebrity Connie Fisher is patron to the academy and frequently works alongside principal, Christian Bullen, on projects.

On May 17, they will perform 'An Evening with the Superstars' - a revue style show of music and dance.

It will involve up to 60 performers, aged from six to 25 years - an event

not to be missed!

Christian Bullen said: "Superstars are delighted to be supporting such a worthy cause for the community of Barry."

"This will be an opportunity to perform to a wider audience at a very different venue with great acoustics, and will also demonstrate the range of talent that we have locally, all in aid of the organ appeal".

Suzanne Grover, of the fundraising committee, said: "To have the academy performing at All Saints' Church is a first for our appeal."

"We are nearing our target amount and this event will support the final push towards the £70,000 total needed to restore our historic pipe organ".

Tickets for the show are available from A & A Dancewear, Park Crescent, Barry, and following church services at All Saints' Church, Barry.

Tickets are priced at £6 for adults and £4 for children up to 16 years.

The show will start at 7pm and end at 9pm with doors opening at 6.15pm.

For more information about the organ appeal, visit www.barryall saints.org.uk

For more information about Superstars, see www.superstarsinthe making.com AE

WHAT'S ON

Gardening club

THE AGM of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be held on Thursday, April 15, at 7.30pm in the Lesser Hall.

Penarth surgery

ELUNED PARROTT, AM for South Wales Central, will be holding an advice surgery at Tesco Superstore, Terra Nova Way, Penarth, CF54 1SA between 1pm-2pm on April 19.

No appointment is necessary.

Councillors' surgery

THE Llantwit First Independents will be holding a surgery at the Old School, Wine Street, Llantwit Major on Saturday, April 20, from 9.30am to 11.30am.

Residents with any issue to raise are welcome to attend.

Tax help for elderly

TAX HELP for Older People (TOP) will hold a free income tax surgery to offer advice to older people on a restricted income, at Roz Couzens' Chiropody Surgery, Unit 4, Commercial House, Commercial Street, Llantwit Major, CF61 1RB on April 22 from 10am to 12 noon.

No appointment is necessary. To access TOP's helpline, telephone 0845 601 3321 or 01308 488066.

Fibromyalgia

THE next meeting of the Vale of Glamorgan Fibromyalgia Support Group is on April 23, at the Barry Public Library, 1pm-2.30pm. Telephone Gaynor on 01446 733315 for details.

Art society demo

ON April 25, Cowbridge Art Society welcomes artist Lorraine Bewsey (see www.lorrainesartstudio.co.uk) She will give oils and pastels demo.

The society meets on Thursday evenings at the Old Hall,

Cowbridge, 7pm-9pm. Visitors are welcome. See www.cowbridgeartsociety.com

Rhose talk

THERE will be a meeting of the Rhose and District History Society on Friday, April 26 at 7.30pm at the Rhose Community Hall, Stewart Road.

Coun Jeff James, chairman, told The GEM: "We are fortunate to have Mr John Chucas, who will be speaking on the intriguing subject of 'Local Bells and Smells'. Entrance is just £1 and all are welcome."

Shadows Club

MAY 14, Penarth: The Conservative Club, Stanwell Road, Penarth (029 2030 9979); South Wales Shadows Club's meeting, play (use the PA) or just listen; 8pm, usually £3; all welcome.

Busy days ahead at wartime museum

THE summer looks set to be an extra busy time for the Barry at War volunteers who run the Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre on Barry Island Station.

Barry at War spokesman Ade Pitman writes:

Our monthly Sunday open days have become ever busier, so our volunteers will be now opening the museum every Wednesday afternoon as well, so as to provide a better opportunity for visitors to meet us if they would like to record their wartime memories.

When funds allow, we hope to acquire a touch screen computer, so that visitors can hear these at the museum.

We want to make our small museum as interactive as possible, and not just a room full of dusty objects. Our First World War Trench experience is a good example of this, as it allows people a chance to imagine what life would have been like on the Western Front.

With the Centenary of the First World War beginning next year, we are working with Barry Town Council and other partners to ensure that Barry has an appropriate programme of commemorative events to mark this event.

This work will also involve launching a series of projects that families

can get involved with, which we hope will help people to see how this war affected all of us today.

We've many out-reach projects planned for this summer.

Barry at War will be supporting Cardiff Old Library with a 1940s event on May 24 as part of Adult Learning Week, and also the St Athan 75th anniversary event on July 9.

This event is of particular significance to myself, as it was being posted to St Athan that brought me to Wales.

Planning is also well in hand for this year's Wartime Weekend event, which will mark the 70th anniversary of the 'Borough of Barry' buying a Spitfire for the Royal Air Force.

Following the generosity of local companies last year, we're currently looking for sponsors who would like to support this year's community event.

We'd also like to hear from anyone who would like to help out as a volunteer at the museum, and of course full training will be given.

The Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre will be open on Wednesday afternoons. Doors open at 2pm. Admission is free.

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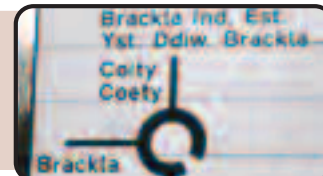
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Businesses offer value and service – in equal measure

WHEN I was growing up in Bridgend county borough, people used to casually

refer to Brackla as the "biggest housing estate in Europe".

It was a long time before the world-wide web, so it was

n't easy to check, but a quick google nowadays proves that there never was a shred of truth in that.

Becontree near Dagenham, for instance, built between 1927 and 1932, had 27,000 homes, all council houses – and it has probably grown a bit since then!

Brackla, in contrast, with 5,000 homes and a population of around 11,000, suddenly looks more like a village!

In fact, Brackla is a fine example of suburban living, with a thriving trading estate on the edge, and a busy shopping precinct, alongside community buildings in the centre.

Everyone drives around Brackla from

time to time, but the Brackla Industrial Estate is something that can easily be overlooked.

It's profile is sure to be raised now that the Parc Derwen housing development is growing fast, as the estate entrance is directly opposite – a left turn off Coity Road as opposed to a right into Parc Derwen.

A perennial bugbear for trading estates is that so many potential customers never take the trouble to look around.

However, if you take a tour of the estate, you will find stores specialising in tiles, furniture, auto repairs, decorating, homes and gardens, removals and storage, electrical items,



The Triangle precinct has its own village pub, the Two Brewers.

as a snooker hall and engineering.

There is a busy cafe, and a takeaway too.

Brackla's traditional centre – the Triangle – is thriving too, with all the features that make up a shopping precinct.

It has a newsagents, grocery store, off licence, hairdressers, a pharmacy, estate agents, is home to Marie Curie and Barnardo's and has a wealth of takeaways to choose from!

The area has been boosted by the opening of Archbishop McGrath School, which moved from its site in Tondy to a purpose-built brand new home.

The school has sports facilities that are available for

community use.

Brackla is predominantly a family estate, and that is highlighted by the remarkable statistic of having five primary schools that serve the area.

Another organisation that serves the community is Brackla Tabernacle, a thriving, family church near The Triangle.

A spokesperson said: "We run a wide variety of activities for everyone – children, young people, adults, families and older people. We would love people to come and join us and find out more. Visit us at www.bracklatabernacle.org or pop in and see us."

A thriving community such as Brackla can give local busi-

nesses a head start in the economic marketplace.

In turn, those businesses can offer good value and good service to the wider community, so it really is

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Air Sea Rescue changes really an improvement?

FURTHER to Mr Colin Dudley's letter on sell-offs in last week's GEM, I must confess to being somewhat puzzled over the Vale MP's recent column (in The GEM).

Mr Alun Cairns blandly states that Bristow Helicopters Ltd will provide a 20 per cent improvement in flying times to rescue incidents, based on historical data – and in so doing, agrees with the CEO/owner of that company, who previously stated this on TV.

This assurance comes without them having yet taken to the skies for a single incident!

It also implies the current Air Sea Rescue Service is 20 per cent below capacity and it is disparaging to their efforts.

It is not so long ago that the Bristol Channel was considered unworthy of an air base at RAF Chivenor and Brawdy by Mr Cairns' Government; and would

be ideally served by RAF Valley in north Wales (idiotcy at the least). So, Mr Cairns, what about supplying some facts that would be relevant to taxpayers?

St Athan is a ready-made base for Bristow Helicopters Ltd – therefore no construction costs! Will there be substantial rental charges for airport use, or will these be of a peppercorn nature?

Will future unfortunate victims of shipwrecks, cliff falls, inclement weather, etc, be charged by Bristow Helicopters Ltd?

The MP's 'Viewpoint' argument is yet another example of college boy theories put forward by a Tory politician knowing the cost of everything, but the value of nothing.

Finally, I am certain that only the test of time will decide whether fledgling Bristow Helicopters Ltd will be worthy of comparison with our RAF Air Sea Rescue Service – let alone produce a 20 per cent improvement.

C M James, Barry.

Red Kites spotted

WITH reference to recent letters in The GEM, I write to confirm that Red Kites are in the Vale, and have been spotted by members of the Wild Life Trust of South West Wales <http://www.welshwildlife.org/> in Sington, Llantwit Major and St Brides Major.

Only two weeks ago, while in my garden at Llandough, Cowbridge, I heard a loud raucous of jackdaws screaming.

I looked up and there, not 50 feet above my head, were four jackdaws mobbing a beautiful Red Kite.

It was weaving this way and that just above my head in an attempt to get away from the jackdaws.

It was a wondrous sight, seeing the beautiful

ful chestnut plumage and the distinctive V in its tail just above my head.

The bird was on its own trying to get away from the mobbing. The jackdaws have built up a large nesting group in Llandough Castle woods, so were not too well pleased when a new 'raptor' visited the Thaw Valley.

We have had breeding buzzards in the Thaw Valley for many years and their chicks calling in a very distinctive sound for food echoes around this wooded valley, but this is my first-ever confirmation of the Red Kite and I hope it will be the first of many.

PS. A neighbour at the mill has recently seen an otter in the valley by the River Thaw, so we are blessed with nature's bounty!

Mr Glyn Jones Llandough

Lights necessary?

DO people who work in the public sector go on courses to learn verbosity – or are they paid by the word?

A statement from the Vale highways manager, reported in The GEM concerning traffic lights, takes the best part of 200 words to say: "They are not working properly and we are going to fix them."

We are told that lights are a necessary safety measure, but I am not

aware of any serious accidents that have taken place at Sycamore Cross, simply because everybody has taken extra care when coming out of Five Mile Lane or the Pendoylan road.

Given the parlous state of many roads in the Vale, this money would have been better spent elsewhere.

I understand that the contractor received £700,000 of the £1.2 million cost – so where did the rest of the money go?

Alec Trousdell Dyffryn

High Sheriff of Mid Glamorgan celebrates young people's efforts at community awards



Left to right: Mrs Jayne James; Mrs Ann Jenkins (High Sheriff); Mr Rory McLaggan (High Sheriff Designate); Mrs Anne Y Morgan (awards organiser). Photographs by KEITH E MORGAN.

RECENTLY, young people in mid-Glamorgan received financial awards from the High Sheriff of Mid-Glamorgan, Mrs Ann Jenkins, for their work in the community.

Awards are made each year by the High Sheriff to individuals and groups under the age of 21, who live in one of the three counties of Mid-Glamorgan.

The awards presentation evening was held this year at Sony UK Technology Centre, Pencoe Technology Park, by permission of managing director Steve Dalton, who commented: "We are delighted to have hosted the High Sheriff Awards this year and huge congratula-

tions to all of the winners. It's great to see young individuals' enthusiasm and commitment taking pride in helping out in their local community."

The speaker was Mrs Jayne James, who praised the young award-winners for their contributions to community life.

The High Sheriff said that the scheme, set up in 2008, was a great success and she was very grateful to all the sponsors, and particularly to Sony UK who had hosted the awards presentation and laid on a superb buffet for everyone.

Next year, the presentation evening will be held in the premises of the other major sponsor, Ortho-Clinical Diagnostics, also at Pencoe Technology

Park. Nominations for 2014 can be submitted up to Friday, January 24, 2014, for the prizes which range up to £500. Nomination forms will be found on the South Wales Police website or by emailing: highsheriffmidglamorgan@googlemail.com. The presentation evening will take place in March 2014.

In the individual awards, first prize was awarded to Savannah Foley from Merthyr Tydfil who received an award of £250.

Savannah is one of the main volunteers in the 3G's Development Trust and started volunteering around 2007.

Her contribution includes fund-raising activities of all kind which has greatly contributed to the forty thousand pounds 3G's have raised in the last

three years, a sum which has been used to take over 80 youngsters to Disneyland to perform.

Joint second prize went to a young lady from the Llynfi Valley, and Kieran Sawdon from Tondur.

Both received prizes of £200 each.

The young lady was referred by BAVO to work as a volunteer but after her six weeks at a centre, she continued to give up her valuable personal time, during studying for her A-Levels, to volunteer in a sexual health clinic and as a youth worker. The young lady was nominated by PCSO Rachel Bargey.

Kieran Sawdon is a carer for a close relative, but still finds time for activities such as the Bridgend Youth Council, where he is a cabinet member.

He is also a 'Funky Dragon' member, which means representing the county on a national basis.

It also means membership of the sustainable development and climate change section, which meets regularly.

Kieran was nominated by Mrs Sharon Clarke of Maesteg Comprehensive School.

Third prize of £150 was awarded to Sadie Nash from Maesteg. Sadie has been a volunteer at the Ty Hafan shop in Maesteg since 2011, spending her Saturdays and some holiday time at the shop.

She also volunteers with Llangynwyd Brownies every week, organising games and helping with the preparation, as well as helping to support pupils at her school.

Sadie was nominated by Mrs Non Lewis of



The High Sheriff presents the Individual Awards Third Prize certificate and cheque to Sadie Nash from Maesteg.



The individual award joint second prize certificate and cheque went to Kieran Sawdon, of Tondur



The highly commended group prize certificate and cheque was accepted on behalf of Pencoe Neighbourhoods by the Mayor of Pencoe, COUN RICHARD WILLIAMS.

highly commended group prize which went to Pencoe Neighbourhoods, nominated by Pencoe Town Council.

The group was set up under the community safety initiative. Group members attend and contribute to town council meetings, representing the views and opinions of other young people from the area.

This group received a cheque for £100.

Tour of Egypt's treasures – without the tourists!

THIS MONTH, Llanblethian WI members were transported to Egypt, a very different Egypt – without crowds. Due to the political problems in the Arab states, tourism in this area is at an all time low.

However, this did not deter our courier, Mr Ron Powell, from escorting us on a journey from Cairo to Abu Simbel made easier for him (and the group) due to the lack of tourists!

We began our journey at Cairo's Egyptian Museum, which is bursting with ancient artefacts.

It also houses the contents of the tomb of Tutankhamun, which really sets the scene for a journey through Egypt.

An overnight train journey, never to be forgotten, or repeated, takes us from Cairo to Luxor.

It is steeped in ancient architecture and covered with monuments, which connect it to the great temple of Karnak some three kilometres away; this area is magnificent.

A river cruise then takes us from Luxor to Aswan with excursions to the Valley of the Kings and the Valley of the Queens – and many more ancient sights. Also, the Aswan dam built in the 1960s, is not a sight to be overlooked.

Our exciting journey concluded at Abu Simbel, which has the most beautiful and imaginative temples to be found in Egypt.

Mr Powell is a very capable presenter; together with his hi-tech equipment he paints a very vivid picture full of facts, and figures, and traveller's tales.

Join us at our next meeting, on Thursday, May 9, at the Church Hall, Llanblethian, where we will be discussing the WI Resolution for 2013 'How to save our High Streets'.

We have an excellent High Street in Cowbridge, one to be proud of, which we should make every effort to preserve.

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● £5: 319178, 376438, 537307, 759139, 958823, 642146, 800356, 470627, 711413, 788781, 562662, 475363, 586813, 376483,

304560, 491186, 689215, 196105, 689648, 741914, 176848, 326957, 494073, 646710, 415136, 388393, 747605, 699965, 342607, 286956, 237858, 783774, 700528, 694412, 576698, 684554, 870273, 287043, 710280, 642290, 327909, 773223, 755397, 597833, 243260, 284095, 352182, 719606, 171732, 838688, 498173, 113609, 510512, 411361, 497488, 551885, 224794, 224763.

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GEM LETTERS EXTRA...GEM LETTERS EXTRA

'We're not hostile to any single party' says FocusBARRY chair

WHAT a bizarre letter, 'I see your true colours shining through!' from Brian Morris of Barry (The GEM, April 11)

FocusBARRY does not claim to be the voice of ordinary Barrians; quite the contrary – our constitution, values and principles are about encouraging people to speak for themselves. It is the political parties who seek to convince us that they speak on our behalf.

We have members and supporters of all political colours, but the majority of them are independent. Furthermore, FocusBARRY is not hostile to any specific political party, it seems more a case of paranoia on the part of Mr Morris.

Our members, supporters and guests are free to speak and join campaigns or political parties of their own choosing.

Indeed, the public meetings we held in the Illyd ward about the Local Development Plan, together with the false Labour Party election pledge, significantly helped Labour win those seats and, as a con-

Turn-off for voters?

BRIAN MORRIS'S bitter and hostile letter concerning the newly-formed Barry Voice group betrays the very reasons why people are increasingly put off from voting for the Labour Party he represents.

Mr Morris incorrectly views Barry Voice as a threat to the Labour Party's grip on power.

However, the antipathy that he shows in his letter to such organisations does serve to expose an inherent unwillingness to deal with any independent

bodies which it can't control.

Though such a default position for the party machine is certainly an organisational strength, the moral weakness of such a tribal and paranoid stance is one that people in Barry should consider.

Indeed, there is evidence that they have already done so. Such negativity became a turn-off for voters in the Buttrills ward last August, and could be the reason why Mr Morris lost the election for Labour, having been defeated by Plaid Cymru's Dr Ian Johnson.

Ian Lawton, Barry.

sequence, gain control of the Vale Council.

I have previously responded to letters from some other Labour Party members about their attacks on FocusBARRY: at least the other parties know when to keep their heads down.

Mr Morris says that we should "stop pretending to be concerned citizens," but our concern for Barry is the reason we all came together in the first place.

When writing to the local papers, our supporters generally confirm their involvement with FocusBARRY, unlike Mr Morris who has chosen not to identify himself as a Labour Party member, a Labour Party candidate in the last council elections, and at the August by-election in Buttrills.

Dennis Harkus, (Chair, FocusBARRY)

Showing true colours

IN his letter to The GEM last week, Mr Brian Morris derided a gentleman 'for being defeated in Baruc ward in 2012' – and accused other organisations for apparently failing to show their 'true colours'.

Speaking of honesty, is this the same Mr Morris who failed to mention that he, too, is a defeated candidate and a Labour Party representative – who lost last May, in the Court ward, to the very independent councillor he mentions in his letter?

Is this also the same Mr Morris, who, not content with losing just the one seat for Labour, went on to top this achievement in August, when he lost a second seat for them in even

more spectacular style, defeated this time by Plaid Cymru in the Buttrills ward by-election?

I think we should be told...

Ms Clare Tyne, Barry Island.

'A GROUP, NOT A POLITICAL PARTY'

IWOULD like to thank Mr Morris for his letter headlined 'True Colours' (The GEM, April 11), since it gives me an opportunity to clear up this '80s thinking that everyone has to have a political colour.

Let's face it, political parties are past their sell-by date.

The party political machines in Barry are working hard to discredit FocusBARRY by peddling the myth that we are a political party, but the truth is rather different.

We are a community group with an interest in local politics, not a political party pretending to be interested in the local community.

Jeffrey Heathfield, (FocusBARRY community group member).

'NOT OPPOSED TO ANYONE'

IN last week's GEM, Mr Brian Morris criticised those involved with a meeting of Barry Voice held on the Island; Mr Morris was not at the meeting and as a result is mistaken in his assumptions and rather unpleasant accusations.

As an ordinary member of the public with no axe to grind, and who was actually there, I would like to set the record straight.

The meeting was very positive and upbeat and welcomed discussion regarding issues of importance to the community, whether cultural, social or political.

Whilst welcoming the support of any group or individual, Barry Voice also endorsed the actions of any persons working

for the benefit of the community.

They are certainly not set up in opposition to anyone, they are non-aligned politically and welcome participation from anyone.

All three Plaid Cymru councillors, Nic Hodges, Shirley Hodges and Steffan Wiliam were invited to attend the meeting as local ward councillors and were good enough to do so.

They showed great support and offered many ideas to the group. Only a few days earlier, the same Plaid councillors had helped organise a public meeting on the Island to discuss the regeneration proposals for the area.

Though it was a meeting they organised, invitations were generously extended by them to the local Labour AM and Conservative MP, as well as the Labour cabinet member for regeneration.

How refreshing it is to be served by party politicians who work inclusively with people for the good of the community. Other parties should take a leaf out of Plaid Cymru's book.

As well as thanking my local councillors for coming, I would also like to take this opportunity of thanking the organisers, Coun Richard Bertin and Barrie Evans for an upbeat and inspiring meeting and I look forward to attending more around town.

Ian Bailey, Barry.

Getting the facts right

IREAD with interest a letter from a Labour Party member attacking 'Barry Voice' in The GEM on April 11.

Firstly, We have Labour, the Tories, Plaid Cymru – so what is the difference in having other groups in Barry?

Secondly, the Barry Voice meeting wasn't about party politics – it was, in fact, an informal public meeting discussing issues in our town.

Plaid made the effort to come along; it is a pity that he, as a Labour member, could not be bothered to come and meet real people who have real concerns.

But perhaps he is choosing to knock us instead, as he realises his party is causing most of

the concerns, such as the recent 4.8 per cent Vale Council tax hike.

Perhaps if he had run his letter past his leader, he would have been told not to get into an inaccurate tirade against the Barry citizens who just want good for their town.

For the record, I was not expelled: I in fact resigned, due to being bullied in the party, and the meeting was chaired by me, the man who won Court ward, and not the defeated man (as he puts it) from Baruc.

So I would suggest this man gets his facts right before attacking people fighting for a better town, many of whom are, or were, in fact Labour supporters! **Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.**

What is a bully?

HAVE you ever bullied? EyePAT CIC is looking for people who are bullying or have bullied (as an adult or as a child) and who will be willing to anonymously tell their story as to why and how they bullied.

The bullying can have taken/be taking place anywhere e.g. school, workplace etc. It is the bully's story we are interested in and we know this is not an easy task.

We offer total confidentiality to anyone willing to help us by contributing their story.

No one is born a bully. It is a learned behaviour and there is

always a sad reason people have started bullying. The stories will be collated into a book, the purpose of which is to help people who are currently bullying, understand why they are doing it and so stop.

All names will be changed to protect people's identity.

This book will form part of the Happy Kids Don't Bully and Happy People Don't Bully anti-bullying workshops EyePAT run for both children and adults. This is a Not for Profit venture.

If you can help, contact penny@eyepat.org or call 01446 795055.

Penny Steinhauer, Llantwit Major.

70th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic

NEXT month will see the marking of the 70th anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic.

It was a battle lasting the length of the Second World War, pitting German U-Boats and other warships of the Kriegsmarine and aircraft of the Luftwaffe against our merchant life-line and our home and allied armed maritime fleets and forces.

Wales and the Welsh would again play a major part in conflict with Allied forces, in an attempt to prevent vital convoys from Canada reaching Britain and the Soviet Union. Wales had always maintained strong links with the sea. Nelson's fleet at the Battle of Trafalgar had sailors from every Welsh county in its ranks.

South Wales historically would go on to see the growth of the coal trade in the 19th century, a plethora of shipping firms was quickly established in important ports like Cardiff and Barry.

By 1914, there were more than 120 separate shipping companies with their offices in Cardiff alone.

After the Great War and by the end of the 1930s, with further conflict looming closer, that figure had been reduced to just 77, but shipping still represented a major employer in Wales.

This meant that, once war returned to the world, the Welsh community of sailors was likely to be very hard hit again.

During the Second World War,

together with the other south Wales' ports, Barry was to play a vital role and its proportion of Merchant Navy fatalities per head of population compared with other similar-sized ports would become the highest in Britain.

Few families and homes were not affected by wartime loss of life in both Barry itself and much of the Vale of Glamorgan.

Fred Hortop, who died in 2006, spent more than five years compiling a detailed and unique roll of honour, in memory of the local Merchant Seamen who died during the 73 months of war at sea, from 1939 to 1945.

During the Second World War, nearly one third of the world's merchant shipping was British. Over 30,000 men from the Merchant Navy lost their lives between 1939 and 1945. More than 2,400 British ships were sunk.

The ships were crewed by sailors from all over the British Empire. The British MN officers may have worn uniforms very similar to those of the Royal Navy.

The ordinary sailors, however, had no uniform and when on leave in Britain they sometimes suffered taunts and abuse from civilians who mistakenly thought the crewmen were shirking their patriotic duty to enlist in the armed forces. To counter this, the crewmen were issued with an 'MN' Silver lapel badge to indi-

cate they were serving in the Merchant Navy. John Curtin, then wartime Prime Minister of Australia said of the merchant seaman: "Whenever you see a man in the street wearing the distinctive MN badge, raise your hat to him because without these gallant men the war would be lost".

HM King George VI said: "The task of the Merchant Navy is no less essential to the people's existence than that allotted to the Navy, Army and Air Force, and indeed, none of them would be able to operate without these brave men".

April 1943 saw some respite for the Allies, as the enemy was unable to maintain such a large presence in the Atlantic. Many of the Kriegsmarine boats heavily involved earlier during March had withdrawn for replenishing; nevertheless the vessels still operational in the month remained active. A particular shock at the end of April was the attack by U-515 on convoy TS.37, which saw the loss of four tankers in three minutes, and another three over the next six hours.

Months of April 1940 – 45

The SS Harbledown was a British cargo steamer torpedoed on April 4, 1941, when en route for London in Convoy SC-26. She was sunk by German submarine U-94 South of Iceland whilst carrying a cargo of wheat: 16 of her crew perished, including Robert Baxter of Barry Dock,

Glamorgan.

Also on April 4, 1941, the MV *Conus* dispersed from convoy OB-304, was hit in the foreship by one G7e torpedo from U-97 and stopped southeast of Cape Farewell. The U-boat then fired its last two torpedoes. The tanker capsized and sank within 10 minutes after the third torpedo hit.

The master, all crew members and two gunners were lost, including William DE Thomas of Barry. The SS *Cyprian Prince* was a British Refrigerated cargo steamer; on April 6, 1941, she was bombed by German aircraft and beached near Salamis, at Piraeus, during the invasion of Greece.

The wreck was broken up in November 1945. A Barrian, Francis WG Garrett, was lost.

The *Empire Progress* was a British steamer tanker. On April 13, 1942, when en route from Glasgow for Tampa in ballast, she was torpedoed by German submarine U-402 and sunk; 12 crew, including William R Clement of Barry, were lost from a total of 40.

On April 16, 1942, U-81 spotted a tanker and one escort vessel off the coast of Lebanon and fired two torpedoes each at both ships.

FFL Vikings exploded and sank 23 miles from Beirut, after being hit by one torpedo. The *Caspia* was also hit with one torpedo in the bow. The tanker sank in flames 10 miles south of

Beirut. The master, 24 crew members including local man Francis L White and two gunners from the *Caspia* were lost. Ten crew members and one gunner were rescued.

On April 20, 1942, the unescorted ship *Harpagon* was torpedoed and sunk by U-109 about 150 miles north-west of Bermuda. The master, 34 crew members and six gunners were lost. Eight crew members were picked up by the Argentinian merchant *Rio Diamante* and landed at Buenos Aires. Tudor Howard Rees of Barry, is recorded to have died the day before.

On April 2, 1943 when south-east of Bermuda the *Melbourne Star* was sunk by the German submarine U-129, while sailing alone in darkness. Two torpedoes hit the ship and she sank almost immediately. Only four of the crew were eventually rescued, after being adrift on a raft for 38 days. William E Richards of Barry was among those lost.

The SS *Lancastrian Prince* was a British cargo steamer, which on April 11, 1943 was torpedoed by German submarine U-404 and sunk. The crew of 45 were lost, including Victor W Reynhart.

Ernest E Hartley of Barry is recorded as being lost on April 30, 1943 although his ship the *Port Victor* was torpedoed on May the 1st, north of the Azores by U-107 and lost with all aboard.

Loss of Pay: sunk seamen.

When a merchant ship was sunk, the seaman's pay stopped on the day of the sinking. He did not receive any more pay until he joined another ship. The seaman was given 30 days survivor's leave, dated from the day his ship was sunk. This leave was unpaid.

It only meant that he didn't have to report back to the pool for 30 days. If he spent 10 or 15 days in a lifeboat, or on a life raft, that time in the boat was counted as survivor's leave.

The rules were changed in May 1941, and sailors were to be paid until they got back to their signing-on port, but no one told the sailors.

In many cases, the pay to a seaman who lost his life was often stopped as soon as the ship was sunk. It could be three months or more before the widow received her widow's pension, and that was only one-third of the allowance she had received while her husband was alive and at sea.

Climax of the campaign (March 1943 – May 1943, 'Black May')

Allied losses in April were 64 ships totalling 345,000 long tons; 39 ships were lost in the Atlantic. The enemy lost 15 boats from all causes. However, the following May 1943 would see the strategic and tactical advantage swing to the Allies, where it remained for the rest of the campaign.

JT GREENWAY

THE JUNIORS SHOW CARING SIDE TO HELP NURSERY CHILDREN LEARN NEW SKILLS

THE nursery children at All Saints Church in Wales Primary School were learning new skills last week, during a collaborative project with a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils.

The older children were helping the little ones to sew around colourful felt fish, which they then stuffed with padding and stitched up.

The children worked together to decorate the fish, then the older chil-

dren helped make them into mobiles.

They were unveiled to the rest of the school during a celebration assembly on Friday and they made a fantastic display.

The junior pupils had a wonderful attitude and lots of patience when working with the nursery children and they also presented flowers and cards to nursery staff, Mrs Martin and Miss Jones, as a 'thank you' for helping them with their project.

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ABOVE:
A test of
concentration.

LEFT:
'Do you want
some help?'

'I know what
I'm doing
thank you!'



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Yarn bombers set up explosion of colour!

BARRY is preparing for an explosion of colour in parts of the town over the next few weeks, in the lead-up to Barry Arts Festival on May 24.

Anyone out and about on Monday in the King Square area of Barry – may have seen a group of 'yarn bombers' sewing multi-coloured pieces of crocheted work onto trees!

Yarn bombing is just one of three projects highlighting the creative community that is Barry.

The other two are a wall-hanging made from textile contributions from the sewers and quilters of the town, and sculptures and models made from

recycled and reclaimed materials.

Five art workshops will take place in Barry Library during the festival, all linked to an exhibition of the community projects and photography in Art Central.

The workshops – willow sculptures, textile representation of industrial Barry, yarn wrapping, woven treasures and digital editing – are free, but booking is essential as places are limited.

Details will be in the programme due out shortly, and on the website: www.barryartsfestival.org.uk or contact pat@porthceri.co.uk

PTM

Who wants to build what, and where?

Mrs Catherine Theron – Highcrest, Coed Masarnen, Colwinston – Proposed single and two storey extension.
Mr and Mrs Mike Evans – Land to the rear of 11 Whitcliffe Drive, Penarth – Proposed dwelling.
Mr Andrew Thomas – Barn to Upper House Farm, Port Road, East Aberthaw – Conversion of a barn into a domestic property.
Ms Anna Miller – 13 Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys – Single storey extension to rear.
Sarah Linnard – Colwinston House, Colwinston – Fell pine.
Davies Sutton Architecture – St Illtud's Church, Church Lane, Llantwit Major – Fell cypresses and yews.
Mr David Richard Austin – Pwll Arian, Ashhall Road, Ystradowen – Building consisting of tractor/machinery store, two stables, tack room

and hay and feed store.
Mr Thomas – 6 Heol Eryr Mor, Barry – Rear conservatory.
J V Tree Services – Land at Coed Arthur, Llancafarn – Planning application for the construction of new forestry track.
Mrs Jacqueline Stevens – Ashdene Manor, Bridgeman Road, Penarth – Conversion of Ashdene Manor existing building into three apartments with extensions providing a further four apartments with associated appropriate cycle and car parking and amenity spaces. Apartments all being two-bed with en-suite.
Mr G Hopkins – Byways, Church Close, Ogmere by Sea – Commencement of building work relating to planning application 2008/00019/FUL.
Mr Allan Price – 43 Brenig Close, Barry – Single storey extension on rear elevation.

The Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do excel in Welsh open



PICTURED: (back row) Morgane Gomez Jones, Dominic Todd, Matthew Bennett, Bradley Halford. Maddison Allen, Cody Jacobsen, Jake Quigley, Lucia Cunningham, Cian Allen and Thea Cunningham. Missing from the picture is Jamie Halford.

VALE GIRLS GO FOOTBALL CRAZY!

Vale Ladies & Girls Football Club, which launched in the summer of 2012, has already become one of the largest female only clubs in south Wales, having created extensive links with local schools in all areas across the Vale of Glamorgan.

Currently with five teams and 85 players competing in the South Wales Girls League, the club is growing on a weekly basis, as new players are getting inspired to take up the sport.

As well as running existing teams, the club has been very proactive in providing opportuni-

ties for girls to experience football through school programmes and festivals.

With sport development support from Sport Wales, including funding from two Community Chest grants, the club has been able to position itself at the forefront of the female game in Wales.

Since November 2012, the club has run the first Girls Football Primary School League, which brings 15 teams from 12 schools in the area together on a fortnightly basis to play regular friendly matches.

Club chairman Luke Williams

commented: "The club has successfully created links with over 25 schools in the local area as we see this as a fundamental area for the future growth of the game."

"We offer football for girls aged 7-16 and from September we will be launching our first ladies team creating a pathway for players to continue playing into their adult life."

"We cater for all abilities so come and give it a go!"

Anyone interested in becoming a member, can visit the club's website: www.valegirlsfc.co.uk or email: info@valegirlsfc.co.uk.

THE Cadoxton Schools of Tae Kwon Do took a small contingent of new and experienced competitors to the International Combat Organisation (ICO) Welsh Open hosted by Rob Taylor at Pontypool Leisure Centre.

The event started with traditional forms where Bradley Halford took second and Matthew Bennett took third places in the boys' black belt section. Once the form section was completed, all the point and continuous sparring sections got under way.

Competing for the first time at a major event was young Thea Cunningham and her big sister, Lucia Cunningham. Thea went through to take a second in the pee wee point sparring category, while Lucia won her first bout and went out in her second bout.

Showing no fear, Maddison Allen fought through to take third in her continuous sparring category, with her brother Cian Allen coming away with second place in both the point and continuous sparring categories. Ever improving Jake Quigley fought well, but just lost out this

time. On the receiving end of poor judging was young Cody Jacobsen, who lost his bout on the referee's decision. Not content with taking second in the patterns, Bradley Halford went on to take third in point sparring and dominating the continuous sparring category, took first place.

After taking third place in the boys' black belt patterns, Matthew Bennett had to pull out of the sparring sections due to injury. Having an unusually bad day all round, Morgane Gomez Jones just lost out to the eventual winner of both her point and continuous categories.

Competing in the mens' black belt heavy-weight category were Jamie Halford and Dominic Todd. This was undoubtedly the hardest category of the day, with some exceptionally skilled fighters taking part.

Unfortunately, Dominic went out in the first rounds, but Jamie fought his way through to two finals where he came up against the best competitors of the day.

He just lost out on both occasions and eventually came away with two second places.

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HOW DOES YOUR HOME ENERGY RATE?

WHAT is an energy performance certificate? What are the codes that you see showing on estate agents adverts?

This document is valid for 10 years and shows how good – or bad – the energy efficiency of your property is.

It grades the property's energy efficiency from A to G, with A being the highest rating.

If you have a brand new home it's likely to have a high rating; if you have a second-hand home it's likely to be around D or E.

The energy performance certificate also lists ways to improve

the rating - such as installing double glazing or loft, floor or wall insulation.

The theory is that the better the rating your property gets, the more attractive it should be to a tenant or seller as it indicates lower energy bills.

You will now see estate agents' property adverts are now showing ER = 69 or D69 on their advert; this is the energy rating showing how efficient the property is and how you can upgrade the property to make it more energy efficient and how you can save money on your heating bills each month.

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- Offered freehold

£217,000



BRYN AWEI, BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY

- A 4 bedroom detached property in popular location
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Detached garage & driveway
- Spacious gardens
- Views across Bristol channel

£235,000



CHURCH COTTAGE, RHOOSE

- A beautifully maintained & extended 3 bedroom semi detached property
- Original cottage dating back to around early 19th century & extended in approx 1980's
- Generously proportioned grounds to rear
- Parking for approx 5-6 cars & a balcony accessed from main bedroom with views over Rhose
- The property is being sold as freehold & open to reasonable offers

£265,000



LLAN FARM, MERTHYR DYFAN ROAD, BARRY

- An extended 5 bedroom detached property dating back to approx 1700's
- Landscaped front & rear gardens set on approx 1/3 of an acre
- Set in a quiet semi-rural location
- Off road parking with double garage
- Gas central heating & double glazed

£275,000



REDBERTH CLOSE, BARRY

- A 2 bedroom semi-detached bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Private parking & driveway to front
- Conservatory
- Scope to extend subject to planning
- Viewings recommended

£127,500



LYCIANDA, BARRY

- 2 double bedroom duplex penthouse on popular Waterfront location
- Open plan lounge / kitchen with separate dining room to lower floor
- Double glazed throughout
- Balcony to front with uninterrupted views over Barry Waterfront
- Offered leasehold with vacant possession & no chain

£149,950



SOUTH WALK, BARRY

- A good size 3 bedroom mid link property
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Front & rear gardens
- Ideal first time purchase
- Offered freehold with vacant possession & no chain

£94,950



TEIFI DRIVE, BARRY

- 4 bedroom semi detached property situated in a sought after area
- Gas central heating & double glazed throughout
- Driveway to front
- Garage conversion with extension above
- Offered freehold and open to reasonable offers

£175,000



MOREL STREET, BARRY

- A well presented 3 double bedroom property in popular location of Barry
- Gas central heating & double glazed
- Enclosed garden to rear
- Some original features remain
- Open to reasonable offers

£105,000

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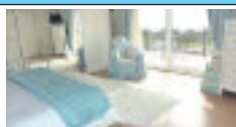
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**MARINE DRIVE, BARRY**

Imposing extended detached dwelling. Showhome presented. Panoramic sea views - beach and sea views. Study, living/dining room, kitchen, breakfast room, wc cloakroom, shower room/wc. Four bedrooms (master ensuite) Balcony with far reaching sea views. Approved full planning consent for extension. Spacious living. ER=E

£469,950**THE PASTURES, BARRY**

End of terrace. In need of some updating. Porch, living room, kitchen/breakfast, conservatory. Two bedrooms, side and rear garden. Detached garage/Parking. ER=D

£92,950**ETON STREET, BARRY**

Bay fronted, mid terrace traditional. Two reception rooms, three bedrooms, 1st floor bathroom, level enclosed garden. Lane access. Gas CH via combi. Walks to Porthkerry & beaches. No chain. ER=D

£145,950**AEL Y COED, BARRY**

Four bedrooms. Modern detached. Living/dining room. Sitting room (converted garage). Master ensuite. Utility room, wc, cloak. Driveway/enclosed garden. No chain. ER=D

£224,950**SEA LAWNS, BARRY**

Well presented. Spacious living room. 1st floor. Open balcony with far reaching sea views. Modern fitted kitchen. Fitted bathroom, garage/parking. ER=B

£149,950**WESTWARD RISE, BARRY**

Spacious modern detached. Living room, dining room, separate study, wc cloak, conservatory. Four bedrooms (master ensuite). Family bathroom/shower room. Double garage/electric door. Minutes walk to Porthcerry Park. ER=C

£344,950**HOWARD COURT, BARRY**

Well presented. Two double bedrooms. 2nd floor apartment. Living room overlooking Pontypridd Road. Modern fitted kitchen. Gas CH and upvc DG. Garage and ample parking. ER=D

£92,500**CANON STREET, BARRY**

Victorian mid terrace traditional dwelling. No chain - vacant possession. Through lounge. Kitchen/dining room, three double bedrooms. Attic/hobby area to 2nd floor. Velux window to front. ER=D

£167,000**GREENACRES, BARRY**

Well presented. End of link. Modern fitted kitchen. Luxury bathroom. Two double bedrooms. Through living room. Driveway/parking. Enclosed private parking. ER=C

£124,950**BRON AWELON, BARRY**

Four double bedrooms. Sitting room. Living/dining room. Conservatory. Spacious kitchen. Bathroom and shower room. South facing garden - sea views. No chain/ Parking to front. Walk to beaches. ER=D

£239,950**CHURCHFIELDS, BARRY**

Modern semi detached. Kitchen to front. WC cloakroom. Living room, two double bedrooms. Designated parking. Enclosed level garden. No chain. Cul de sac position. ER=D

£124,950**GLENBROOK DRIVE, BARRY**

Two bedrooms. Living room, fitted kitchen/breakfast. Gas CH via combi boiler. Parking/driveway. Enclosed rear garden. No chain.

£99,950**LALESTON CLOSE, BARRY**

Spacious living. End of terrace, three double bedrooms. Gas CH via combi. upvc DG. Living room/dining room. Enclosed rear garden. Ample parking. (Tenants present would like to remain).

£79,950**WINDSOR ROAD, BARRY**

Six bedrooms. Living room, dining room, original features throughout. Kitchen/ breakfast room, utility room, wc, cloak. Viewing essential. West End location. ER=E

£204,950**ST NICHOLAS ROAD, BARRY**

Victorian semi. Ideal family home. 'West End' location. Two rec rooms, modern fitted kitchen. Three storey. Four bedrooms on 1st floor. Three bedrooms on 2nd floor. Enclosed rear garden. Lane access. Driveway providing parking. ER=F

£234,950**ST OSYTH COURT, BARRY**

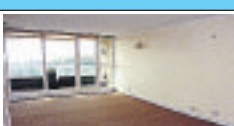
Lower ground floor. Two bedroomed. Far reaching views. Balcony. Replacement shower room. Modern fitted kitchen. Combination boiler. Extended lease. 999 years. ER=C

£159,950**TY CWMPAS, BARRY**

Second floor apartment. One bedroomed. Living/open plan kitchen. Balcony overlooking rear. Family bathroom. Designated parking. maintenance free living. ER=C

£79,950**ST OSYTH COURT, BARRY**

Recently decorated throughout. Brand new fitted carpets. Apartment block with lift. Two bedroomed. Far reaching sea views. Balcony. Replacement bathroom. Replacement boiler via combi. Modern fitted kitchen. upvc DG throughout. Extended lease 999 years. No chain. ER=C

£162,500**NEWGATE CLOSE, BARRY**

Three bedroomed. Modern semi detached. Living room, dining room, conservatory. Enclosed garden. Side access. longer than average garden. ER=C

£124,950**LYDSTEP ROAD, BARRY**

Well presented. Three bedrooms. Modern semi detached. Living room, kitchen/diner. Driveway/garage. Enclosed level garden. Viewing highly recommended. ER=D

£124,950**RHEIDOL DRIVE, BARRY**

Spacious detached. Living room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast. WC cloakroom. Four bedrooms (master ensuite). Replacement family bathroom. Double garage/driveway. Corner cul de sac position. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. West End location. ER=C

£304,950**PHYLLIS STREET, BARRY**

Three bedrooms. End of terraced traditional. Through living room. Kitchen/diner. First floor bathroom. level enclosed garden. Rear access. ER=E

£114,950**MOUNTBATTEN ROAD, BARRY**

Modern mid terrace. Living/dining room. WC cloakroom. Fitted kitchen. Two designated parking spaces. Enclosed rear garden. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. ER=C

£116,000**ST LYTHANS ROAD, BARRY**

Four bedroomed. Detached. Cul de sac position. living room, dining room, open plan kitchen/sitting area. Master ensuite. Enclosed garden. Driveway/garage. ER=D

£239,950**DOBBINS ROAD, BARRY**

In need of modernisation. Situated on enviable plot. Room to extend (subject to planning consent). Three bedrooms. Two reception rooms. upvc throughout. No chain. ER=F

£124,950**PONTYPRIDD STREET, BARRY**

Spacious living. Semi detached. 25ft living room. 34ft Garage/workshop accessible from inside. Replacement kitchen/bathroom. Well presented throughout. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. No chain. ER=D

£139,950**JEWEL STREET, BARRY**

Three storey mid terrace. Option of converting basement rooms. To the ground floor: Two reception rooms and kitchen. To the lower ground floor: Basement rooms. To the 2nd floor: Three bedrooms, family bathroom. ER=D

£119,950**HEOL BROADLANDS, BARRY**

Corner positioned. Three bedrooms. Modern detached. Living room. Kitchen/diner. Enclosed garden. Side access - garage. ER=C

£174,950**BUTTRILLS ROAD, BARRY**

Well presented. Two bedrooms. Ground floor garden apartment. Living room. Recently fitted kitchen. Gas CH. upvc DG. Viewing essential. ER=D

£89,950**COLLARD CRESCENT, BARRY**

Three bedrooms. Semi detached. Living room, dining room. WC cloakroom. Driveway/garage. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Ideal family home. ER=D

£144,950**GLAN HAFREN, BARRY**

Two double bedrooms. Panoramic sea views. Garage/ample parking. View from every room. Beach front apartment. Situated on ground floor. ER=D

£179,950**LAKIN DRIVE, BARRY**

Modern detached. Five bedrooms. Spacious family home. Two reception rooms. Kitchen/ diner - integrated appliances. Offered with no chain. Driveway/garage. Views overlooking the Vale. ER=D

£299,950**AMHERST CRESCENT, BARRY**

Ground floor apartment. 1 double bedroom. Fitted kitchen/integrated Smeg appliances. Enclosed rear garden. upvc DG. Gas CH. Security door entry system. Minutes walk to beaches. Ideal first time buy. Lane access. ER=D

£69,950**GIBBONSDOWN CLOSE, BARRY**

Three bedrooms. Corner semi detached. Corner position. Living room, dining room, fitted kitchen, garage/parking. Cul de sac position. ER=E

£124,950**MILTON ROAD, BARRY**

Stunning mid terrace. Two bedrooms. Living room, kitchen/diner. Enclosed rear garden. upvc DG. Gas CH via combi. Option of off road parking. (subject to usual planning consent). ER=D

£94,950**PARK ROAD, BARRY**

Versatile four bedroom detached property. West End location. Four double bedrooms. Lounge with patio doors leading to balcony. Two shower rooms. Utility room. Double driveway and garage. No chain. ER=C

£279,950**WYNDHAM STREET, BARRY**

Bay fronted. Spacious family home. Double extension. Living/dining room, kitchen, sitting room. upvc DG. Gas CH. Four bedrooms. Master ensuite. ER=C

£139,950**MARLOES CLOSE, BARRY**

Two bedrooms. Mid terrace. Parking to front. Living room. Kitchen/breakfast. Enclosed garden. Ideal first time buy. ER=C

£99,950

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 121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL

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 Suitable for a single person or couple over 60 (55 with medical needs)
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H4U reference 1101800
 Suitable for a single person or couple over 60 (55 with medical needs)
 • One-bed ground floor flat
 • Central heating
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 • First floor
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 • Double glazing
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 • Gardens
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 • First floor
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 • Double glazing
 • Parking and garden
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H4U reference 242842
 Suitable for a single person or couple
 • One-bedroom flat
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 • Double glazing
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 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
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 • Central heating
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 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
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 • Double-glazing
 • Gardens
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H4U Reference 225492
 Suitable for a family meeting the maximum occupancy requirement
 • Three-bedroom house
 • Central heating
 • Double-glazing
 • Gardens
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TY FFYNNON, BARRY

H4U Reference 226554
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 • Central heating
 • Double-glazing
 • Communal gardens
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Important information for existing and new council tenants

From April 2013 Housing Benefit Rules are changing for 'working age' tenants who live in Council and Housing Association properties. If you are of pension age this change will not affect you.

Deductions will be made from Housing Benefit claim where a claimant is living in a property that is classed as too large for them. There will be a 14% deduction for one extra bedroom and a 25% deduction for two or more bedrooms.

To calculate room needs for a client, one bedroom is allowed for each of the following:

- every adult couple;
- any other adult aged over 16;
- any two children of the same sex up to age 16;
- any two children regardless of sex aged under 10; or
- any other child.

Foster children are not included in the calculation.





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Great Thomas Close, Rhoose,
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Chris Davies



Ty Capstan, Barry
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B85



Lloyd Avenue, Barry
2 Double Bedrooms
Potential To Extend
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D62



Wenvoe Terrace, Barry
3 Double Bedroom Bungalow
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Bridgewater Road, Sully
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Cwrt Newton Pool, Rhoose Point
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Fontygary Road Rhoose
3 Bedrooms
Something A Bit Different
Parking, Gardens

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E54



Cwrt Newton Pool, Rhoose Point
4 Bedrooms
Abundance Of Parking
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Cul-De-Sac Location

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C73



Glyn y Gog, Rhoose Point
Detached Family Home
4 Beds, 2 Reception
Garage & Driveway

£239,950

C71



Bryn Y Gloyn, Rhoose Point
4 Double Bedrooms
Garage & Driveway Parking
Views over Nature Conservation Area

£249,950

D67



Maes y Gwenyn, Rhoose Point
Detached Family Home
4 Beds, 3 Reception, Dble Garage
Views Across The Channel

£285,000

C73



Bryn Y Gloyn, Rhoose Point
Substantial 5 Bed Detached
3 Receptions, 3 Bathrooms
Double Garage, Ample Parking

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Public Notice

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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER
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SECTION 257
AND PARAGRAPH 7 OF SCHEDULE 14
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(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 6 PENARTH)
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Barry Seconds slip to defeat

BARRY 2nd XV finally returned to league action after more than a month off with a home fixture against Rhiwbina, with whom they were competing for third place in the table.

With a spate of last minute withdrawals, including Lee Jones who was drafted into the 1st XV with less than 30 minutes to kick off, coach Rhidian Scott and interim manager Ken Chow were forced to make some tactical changes, bringing in Chris Chucas for his first game of the season, and also recalling Ryan Gooderham into the starting line-up.

The late changes appeared to hinder the side in the opening quarter, as Rhiwbina enjoyed huge advantage in possession and territory. In atrocious weather conditions, they tried a quick, off-loading game, which proved fruitless as the ball refused to stick to hand.

The away side had the first score deservedly with an unconverted try, despite some superb last ditch defending by Barry. That served as a wake-up call to the home side, which finally roused them into action, utilising their powerful ball carriers and their heavier pack.

The home pressure led to a series of set scrums in front of the Rhiwbina posts, and from this platform Barry showed great patience to spread the ball out wide to Alex Evans, who dived through to score in the corner. Adam Lee failed to add the extras.

Barry were now in the ascendancy, as they sensed another score. The line-out was starting to function, with Kyle Case superb in this department, while the front row of Elsworth, Hosking and Heard were dominant in the scrum.

The midfield pairing of Harris and Gooderham began to exert their influence on the game with some important carries, but there were to be no more scores before the interval.

The momentum was carried on after half-time, and Barry should have scored another try when a fine break saw Julian McTavish sauntering towards the line, only to ignore a five-men overlap to butcher the chance.

The home side did get on the scoreboard, however, with a penalty kick by Lee, but five points should have been the minimum return from that attack.

Rhiwbina rode that slice of good fortune and made the home side pay. After stealing Barry ball from a set scrum, they powered through to score a converted try to regain the lead – a lead that they were not to relinquish. They added another two tries, profiting from a tiring defence, putting them three scores clear.

Barry, to their full credit, battled manfully to the end, and were rewarded with a final say in the game.

Following continued pressure on the Rhiwbina line, it was down to substitute Liam Ring who crashed through to score his first try for the club. Lee added the extras but that was not enough for the home side to overhaul the deficit in the scoreline, the game finishing 24-15.

The result, while bitterly disappointing for the home side, was perhaps a fair reflection on the game. Some of the Barry players will be disappointed with several errors in crucial parts of the game, but no-one will be able to fault their effort.

Barry 2nd XV finish their league campaign this Saturday with a home game against Llanishen.

Team: Lee; Evans, Harris, Gooderham, Jones; Williams, McCann; Elsworth, Hosking, Heard; K Case, McTavish; Chucas, David, Rolfe (c). Substitutes used: Ring, Lundy, Hewitson, R Case. Man-of-the-match: David.

KC

WESTEND ACHIEVE PROMOTION

WESTEND ladies A team have earned their place in next season's division 4 in the Cardiff League, by winning every one of their 18 games played.

They stormed the first half of the league, not losing any games, displaying excellent netball skills and team work. There were a few injuries and missing players at times; however they fought on, and thanks to B team players stepping up to the mark, the winning streak continued.

Although all teams in the league were of a very high standard, Llandaff and MJ Movers proved to be the most difficult opponents for the ladies with only a one goal win over Movers and three goal win over Llandaff; however, Westend remained strong and positive, taking both wins.

The second half of the season again saw Westend dominate the court. Both shooters were most definitely on form scoring the highest amount of goals in the league, with Kelly and Caryl displaying excellent passing within the circle, allowing a good variety of both close and distance shooting.

Centre court players, Angharad, Stacey, Jenna and Sophie all displayed good team work.

There was outstanding feeding into the shooters, excellent defence and attacking play shown, with numerous players displaying their ability to be versatile, playing in different positions to suit the game.

Defenders Lil and Louise again performed to a high standard making scoring goals very difficult for the opponents. Both players were consistent and strong, often having to switch positions tactically to suit the game, again conceding few goals and displaying good discipline within the shooting circle.

With just two games left to play in the league, Westend came across their two most difficult opponents once again, Llandaff and MJ Movers. Westend, being first in the table, knew they had to play to the final whistle to keep their place, and Llandaff had all to play for if they were to make the play offs.

Westend, however, came up trumps, beating them 29-22, which meant the title was won by the Westend ladies.

MJ Movers, who were in second position, also proved to be a tough last game for the Westend Ladies, with Movers taking an early lead and displaying some great netball skills and fitness.

Movers were looking to secure their second place position to ensure a chance of promotion and Westend ladies were looking to hold onto their 100% unbeaten season, so the game was intense to the say the least!

Both teams played amazingly well and played the court fantastically, creating an exciting and intense atmosphere for all that came to support. The final score ended Westend 25, MJ Movers 21, securing a 100% successful season for Westend resulting in their third consecutive promotion.

A huge well done to the team and coach – Kelly Richardson, Caryl Jenkins, Angharad Jenkins (captain) Stacey Brown, Sophie Palmer, Jenna Webb, Leigh-Anne Jones (coach and player) and Louise Laitly.

Also, a big thank you to our B team players who have played up on occasions to ensure a full team of players and played brilliantly as part of the team – Nina Jones, Siobhan Griffiths and Abi Ladner.

Westend ladies would also like to say a huge thank you to Joanne and Dave from The Billy (King William IV) and their support throughout the season. Food and refreshments have been provided with a warm welcome to all at the pub, and again the club's presentation evening and fundraising evening will be held there, with the dates to be confirmed.

KR

Disastrous week for chess teams

FOLLOWING a short Easter break, chess returns to the agenda in Barry. This week we had a double header on Monday followed by round 6 of the club championships.

The Bosons took on Nelson in a division 1 clash. We lost by a narrow 3-2 margin. This result was enough to secure Nelson's place in next season's division 1 and relegated both Penttyrch and Aberdare.

Of note in this game was Lee's match against Gareth Harley-Yeo. As he never plays with the black pieces, Gareth's grade perhaps does not reflect his true ability which has been artificially raised due to his reluctance to use both colours during the season.

It was pleasing to see Lee defeat Gareth and this is in fact his fourth consecutive win in the first division. Our other points came from draws obtained by Nigel Ralphs and Dave Parsons. Both of these players are unbeaten this year when representing the Bosons.

The Gambits also had a home match against the third division's champions elect, N Cardiff Cheetahs.

Unfortunately we failed to trouble the scorers and lost 5-0.

This has promoted the N Cardiff team and with only two rounds to play they need a maximum of five points to become divisional champions.

Peter Watkins failed to capitalise upon a possible winning position and was the pick of our players on the night.

This Monday sees the Quarks take on Caerphilly Rooks in this division in a match that could see the Quarks promoted and the Gambits relegated.

A further seven matches were completed in the club championships. As this is the sixth round of a seven round Swiss-style tournament, players should now be finding their proper levels and the matches should be close.

The main tournament saw a draw between contenders Lee Davis and Steve Cunliffe, with Rhys Steele beating the surprise contender Dave Mahoney to take a half point lead in the tournament. He can now only be caught by Lee or Steve in the final round.

The plate section of the tournament is far closer. Of the eight entrants, only 1/2 point separates five players

and any one of them could win the section so the final round draw could be very interesting.

While there were no upsets in the results in this section it was nice to see, or should I say hear, the return of Sam White after a knee operation. I can only hope the operation was not as a result of a chess injury!

For more details visit our website - barrychessclub.yolasite.co.uk

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PJ

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Morgan (aged 11) plays for Cardiff against Malaysia!

Three cheers for Cardiff!



PICTURED (centre) is 11-year-old goalkeeper Morgan Davenport, from Rhoose, who recently represented Cardiff City FC advanced development centre in a match against Astro Kem Bola IMCC (Malaysia Cardiff City). Astro Kem Bola are made up

of some of the best players of their age group in Malaysia, who are also coached by Cardiff City coaches based there.

The match was played at the Leckwith ADC centre and the game was also beamed to Astro Malaysian TV.

Morgan said: "It was a fantastic experience and the Malaysian team were a really great group of talented players

who appreciated the opportunity of coming to the UK and playing in Wales.

Morgan, who attends Sir Richard Gwyn High School in Barry, also plays for Barry Town under-12s, who beat Cogan 2-0 in the 2013 Vale under-12 cup semi-final.

THERE is a fundamental difference between men and women, aside from the obvious, of course – it is that both view cars in completely contrasting ways.

Where lads have memories like Top Trumps cards, easily reciting top speeds and power, girls remember the size and colour.

This becomes even clearer when I drive the Subaru WRX STI to the office: "Nice red car and I like the black alloys," says a young female colleague.

"Bet it's a 2.5-litre with 300bhp," adds the warehouse manager.

I rest my case. It's interesting that women seem much more interested in aesthetics. And they say men are shallow!

On that point of design, the macho bulges such as the bulbous air vent protruding from the bonnet and the flared wheel arches are reminiscent of a body-builder's flexed muscles.

This is a far more obvious muscle car than the Volvo S60 T6, which boasts similar performance but in a more understated package.

The WRX feels like a motorist's protection. Nobody is going to mess with you. This vehicle doesn't need to be driven fast to be appreciated, either.

Once you've stopped gawping at the dazzling exterior, the hard Recaro leather sports seats beckon. It's a comfortable cabin, quite

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THE SUBARU WRX.

low down and wife Caroline mentions how front occupants have to be slim to be comfortable; too much weight and the Recaro seats would not hug so well.

At work the warehouse manager confirms this point, recalling how his mother could not sit comfortably in the family's old Impreza and that was the reason it had to be sold.

The Impreza became famous when Colin McRae won the world rally championship in 1995. The WRX builds on the Impreza's successes – it is most definitely a young man's car, which becomes clear on pressing the ignition switch. There's a roar from the twin double exhausts not dissimilar to those magnificent Maseratis. It is a dominant sound, which certainly adds to the sporty feel and is something that enthusiasts will enjoy listening to instead of the radio.

Moving off, it takes a little while to familiarise myself with the clutch, which doesn't need to rise much for a gear change. The six-speed box is slick as you would expect.

It features SI-Drive (Subaru Intelligent Drive) that has three

modes. The Sport Sharp is the most responsive and this is the mode for demanding driving, quite literally pushing occupants back into their seats.

Sport makes the car a little less sharp while intelligent mode is for more restrained driving. In this mode the Boxer engine is docile and lethargic; I certainly prefer the Sport Sharp, which sees this brute shoot from 0 to 60mph in just 5.2secs and onto 158mph.

All wheel drive is a definite reassurance and provides excellent road holding; as is the way with all performance

cars the fuel gauge plummets during demanding driving but it returns a reasonable 30 to 35mpg during a more relaxed motorway run. The handbrake close to the driver's left hand side takes a little getting used to but it is actually a helpful position giving added control for hill starts.

The WRX STI, which surprisingly sells for under £30,000, is not just a performance car but a practical family saloon as you can see in the video at testdrives.biz. There is room for five, and daughters Harriett and Heidi sit quite comfortably in their car seats in the rear. Childlock is easy enough to engage, and the boot is large enough for the weekly shop.

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JAMES TUDOR WINS AREA CLASSIC RACE

JAMES TUDOR, assistant trainer to Llancarfan's Evan Williams, riding Mrs Jodie Pearn's nine-year-old Floridahl, landed the John Lovell Memorial Men's Open Race – which is the £1,000 South Wales Area Classic race – at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Ystradowen, where persistent rain throughout the afternoon changed the going from good to soft to heavy, by the time the last race had been run.

Florida Hall soon had his six rivals trailing in his wake and he romped home a distance ahead of Young Albert (Kris Hamner) with last year's winner Midnight Diamond (Matthew Barber) a further distance away in third place.

The favourite My Fella was pulled up three fences from the finish.

Mrs Pearn was full of

praise for trainer Robert Porter who had nursed the horse back to form after a long lay off owing to injury, and a modest Tudor said: "He just ran away with me and all I had to do was to just sit on him."

The AGA ladies' open race went to Chandlers Cross an eleven-year-old chestnut gelding who finished six lengths ahead of 20-1 outsider Kimora (Liz Kelly).

Chandlers Cross was ridden by his owner/trainer Jenny Price, aged 18, who was chalking-up her second win in just three rides. Lady Myfanwy (Lucy Jones) finished third and the favourite Lydstep Hills (Charlotte Evans) was fourth.

Ogmore's Nick Williams rode a double for Luke Price with Red Watch in the Members race and Coosan Lad in the Intermediate.

Red Watch had four lengths to spare over Get Off The Table (Chris West) and Coosan Lad, the odds-on favourite, scored by

15 lengths from Tachbury (Jo Buck).

The blinkered Intac, which finished third, somehow managed during the race to get his tail briefly stuck in Red Watch's bridle – surely a point-to-pointing first!

Bradley Gibbs, who rode a four-timer over the course seven days earlier, had to be satisfied with just the one winner on this occasion.

He took the Restricted Open on Oh Suzannah, a five-year-old bay mare, owned, trained and bred by Mr David Brace OBE who named her after his great, great grandmother.

In the closest finish of the day, Oh Suzannah got home by half-a-length from Wiston Dreamer.

Miss Samantha Butler's five-year-old chestnut Snap It Up, a 14-1 outsider, ridden

by Evan David, had a length to spare over An Cor (Chris West) in the Young Horse Maiden after taking the lead five fences from home.

The Eight-Year-Olds And Over Maiden went to Mr Dilwyn Tranter's Bang On Trend who, ridden by his trainer Chris West, won by a distance from Bred To Win (Rachel Leyshon) the only other finisher.

The favourite Howya Buddy (James Tudor) looked like romping home only to fall three fences from the finish.

Of the eight book-makers who attended the meeting, most of them disappeared throughout the afternoon and by the time the last race was run there were just three of them who had braved the elements.

BRIAN LEE

Bowls club hosts Welsh elite squad

ROBERT WEALE, Wales' reigning Commonwealth singles gold medalist, heads the line-up of 24 of the top men's and ladies bowlers in Wales, as they start their specialist training for the Commonwealth Games in 2014 at Dinas Powys over the weekend of April 20/21.

The Dinas club will open its facilities throughout the weekend and all are welcome to come and watch Wales' top bowlers in action.

Looking forward to the Whitsun holiday

week, Dinas Powys once again hosts the men's open singles championship of Wales.

The tournament returns this year to its original date in the calendar and is the season's opener of singles competitions in Wales.

Entry forms for the tournament are available from your local club and from the Dinas Powys Club.

The action starts on Friday, May 24 and runs throughout the bank holiday week, with the finals on Friday, May 31; closing date for entries is Sunday, May 12.

AMD

Local tennis club builds for future

BARRY Tennis Club is 100 years old this year and is planning a number of one-off events to mark the occasion.

The club is expanding its programme of regular activities and forging new links with the wider community in a bid to lay solid foundations for the next 100 years.

Growth of the junior section is an important part of these developments, and the club is building on the successes of its well-established Friday evening 'youth club' and Sunday morning mini-tennis coaching programme by offering more scheduled sessions throughout the week and strengthening links with local schools.

Barry Island Primary School is already working with the club's head coach in developing plans to run tennis courses at school (for pupils and teachers) and

an after-school tennis club, as well as becoming involved with the club's scheduled coaching sessions and mini-tennis tournaments.

In addition to the sports activities, Barry Tennis Club is committed to offering more junior social activities and taking advantage of its privileged location at the heart of Barry Island.

If you know a mini-Murray or diddy-Djokovic and would like to find out more about the club and its activities, please follow BarryTennisClub on Facebook or Twitter, or email info@barrytennis.co.uk.

Participation in the scheduled coaching sessions does not require membership of the club, but fees are subject to a discount for members.

PM

Eleanor's joy at tournament win

ELEANOR LEWIS (13) has become the first person from Cottrell Park Golf Resort to win the Glamorgan Ladies Golf Association County Championships Bronze Division, which took place at Glamorganshire Golf Club.

After finishing in the top 8 in the qualifying round Eleanor went on to record a 5&4 quarter final victory over Isabella Lloyd from Pontardawe followed in the afternoon with a 4&3 win over Linda Edwards from Creigau in the semi final.

The next day final produced an exciting match against Megan Blunsdon from Glamorganshire Golf Club, with Eleanor taking a 4 hole lead on the 13th only to be pegged



back to a 2-hole lead on the 15th. Eleanor held her nerve and holed a five-foot putt for a par on the 16th to record a 3&2 victory.

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GEM sport

It's six of the best for FC Dinas Powys

THE Dinas Powys versus Ammanford game was only able to go ahead thanks to a dedicated band of Dinas clubmen and supporters who spent their Friday evening working on the Murch pitch to get it playable.

In driving rain, it was very difficult for the players to keep their feet but the hosts mastered the conditions much better than Ammanford, and goals came at regular intervals throughout the first half.

Adam Carpenter opened the scoring on 15 minutes and just five minutes later, James Williams made it 2-0.

Carpenter added a third from the penalty spot on the half-hour mark, with Richard Yarr making it 4-0 10 minutes

before the interval.

Further work was needed on the pitch at half-time, with brushes and sand. Luckily, the rain eased for the second half.

Carpenter grabbed his hat-trick just one minute into the half, heading home a cross from Matt Trotman.

Manager Mark Dunford then rang the changes, bringing on Steffan Davies for Carpenter and Jordan Phillips for Richard Yarr.

The hardworking James Williams netted his second, and Dinas' sixth, to complete the rout and Gareth Tedstone almost made it seven, hitting the post with a fine shot late in the game.

League leaders Goytre visit the Murch on Saturday April 20, with a 2.30pm kick off.

PK

Atoms in form against Llantwit

BARRY Atoms entertained Llantwit Major in an enthralling game that seemed to have it all.

From the backs right through to the forwards, there seemed to be a freeness in the play. The tackles were crisp, the passing was clean and the runs were spot on.

The Atoms were knocking on the door early but fantastic defence kept Llantwit from scoring a break-away try, and this seemed to be the blueprint for the rest of the game.

The first and only try wasn't scored until the second half; started from the Atoms' own 22, the ball was passed first in then out through the

wings, finally ending up in hands of D Griffiths, who went over; this was converted by Z Fifield for a final score of 7-0 to the Atoms.

A quick mention must go to some of the newer players who are starting to complement some of the older hands nicely.

The tackling was ferocious and the boys did not shirk. What a fitting way to end our last home matrix game; man of match was awarded to C. Macarthur.

Squad: J Brown; R Robinson; I Neale; Couch; K Jones; R Rendell; D Griffiths; C Denbury; D Wall; J Jones; F Giosanu; C Macarthur; M Guthrie; J Parry; Z Fifield.

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WESTEND HOLD PRESENTATION DAY



Barry RFC's promotion hopes dented

AFTER an excellent 17-5 home win against promotion rivals Pontycymmer RFC on Wednesday evening, the expectation in the Barry camp was understandably high when they faced Llantwit Major in a local derby on Saturday afternoon at a very wet and windswept Reservoir Field, but alas it was not to be.

The way the game started there was no reason to assume that Barry's expectations would not be met as, after some mishandling by the Llantwit backs in the very first minute, a kick ahead and a 30-yard run by Dave Provis appeared to give Barry a well-taken try.

The referee, however, thought differently and Barry were brought back for a scrum after the ball was deemed to have been knocked on by a Barry player.

For the first 10 minutes or so of the game, the Barry XV continued to put pressure on their opponents but the game changed after 12 minutes when, against the run of play, Llantwit won the ball from a lineout and, after some very positive handling by their backs, their outside centre broke through to score an excellent try, which was converted.

Barry appeared to be shocked by this score and came back at Llantwit strongly. An unfortunate neck injury to Barry No. 8 Callum Scott saw him replaced by Jack Giddings.

Sadly, the injuries did not stop there and after another five minutes or so, flanker Chris Parker received an injury which necessitated in him leaving the field, and he was replaced by Owen Jennings.

At this stage of the game, Barry had most of the play and should have scored on a number of occasions but, due to dropped passes and lack of discipline which gave away silly penalties, they were unable to do so.

Barry's problems were further compounded after 25 minutes when centre Danny Ryan received a nasty gash to his eye and was replaced by Tom Poole.

Half time came with the score 7-0

in Llantwit's favour in spite of the opposition rarely entering the Barry half.

The second half started in similar fashion, with Barry pressing hard. After 45 minutes they were awarded a penalty which unfortunately just shaved the upright.

In spite of this, Barry continued to press and following some fine power play by the pack, full back Ethan Dix kicked ahead and hooker Alyn Evans scored in the corner; the conversion failed.

After some more powerful play by the Barry pack they almost scored again, only to be penalized for someone going in over the top a yard or so from the Llantwit line.

Their bad luck was further compounded after 55 minutes when Ashley Adams had to leave the field and was replaced by Lee Jones.

After 65 minutes, after a scrum collapse, Owen Jennings had to leave the field, leaving Barry with 14 men and all replacements used.

This was a turning point of the game and enabled Llantwit to gain the upper hand and it was only some sterling defence which stopped them scoring on a number of occasions.

Barry to their credit, did not give in and after 70 minutes appeared to have scored another try thanks to a fine run by centre Dave Provis. Once again however, he was adjudged to have knocked the ball on going over the line by the referee.

After 75 minutes, Barry were awarded a very kickable penalty which was sadly missed once again. The game ended with the pack pressing yards from the Llantwit line but a moment of transgression from a Barry player ended the game.

The conditions were not the best for playing open rugby and both sides should be complemented for the way in which they approached the game and entertained the spectators who braved the elements.

Barry: E Dix, A Adams, D Provis, D Ryan, D Williams, R Hardy, A Buckland, C Scott, O Poole, C Parker, H. Jones (captain), M Tanner, J Hollister, A Evans, R O'Sullivan. Replacements: O Jennings, T Poole, J Giddings, L Jones.

CH

WESTEND Junior Netball Club held their first official presentation day on Sunday, April 7, at the Cwm Talwg public house.

Alongside this ran a fun day where the girls were able to thank their sponsors for paying for their new kit, have a club photo and at the same time raise money for both the club and their chosen charity, Marie Curie.

A fantastic day was had by all, with the little ones enjoying face painting, music, karaoke, raffle and a buffet.

A sweet tree was auctioned off with the winning bid paying £20 – a big thanks to John Mort for the winning

bid!

Also a big thank you to Leanne Pemberton from the Cwm Talwg for allowing us to hold the event at the pub free of charge.

The event was a huge success and a total of £292 was raised.

Westend Juniors will be making a donation of £70 to Marie Curie, and will continue to raise money for the charity throughout the coming season.

They would also like to thank everyone for attending, parents for their support and a big thank you to all who contributed in making the day a huge success.

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Vale Karate shine at grand finals



Under-10s' Cup adventure over

BARRY Bees were unable to repeat last year's heroics when they were beaten finalists in the under-10 District cup.

Drawn in an extremely tough group, it was critical to make a winning start against a very strong Llanishen side; unfortunately they failed to get into the game in the first half and were 14-0 down at the break.

In the second half the Bees dug deep and with a try from Cian Anderson, forced themselves back into the games. Llanishen responded with another try, but the Bees were now holding their own in all areas, and Cian again forced his way over in the corner to bring the Bees back into contention.

With the clock running down and Barry pushing for another try, Llanishen intercepted a last gasp pass to make the final score 28-10.

Barry were now in a must win situation against Llandaff, who had looked extremely impressive in their opening match.

Barry with no chance to rest after the first match started very strongly and took the early initiative with a good try from Jacob Pereira.

Barry were on top for most of the first half but couldn't score the critical second try their pressure deserved; and with the last play of the half

Llandaff scored a try, from what most observers thought was a forward pass, to make the scores even at the break.

In the second half the dejected Bees ran out of steam, and couldn't hold an increasingly dominant Llandaff, who eventually run out 28-7 winners.

The final match against Llantwit Major was about pride and the Bees at last started to move the ball with conviction, and were constantly stretching the Llantwit defence.

James Chapman finished two flowing moves through the backs, and just before the break Taylor Ross-Zeal completed another excellent passing move. Llantwit dug deep in the second half and despite lots of Barry pressure only conceded one more try after a weaving run from Spencer Williams to make the final score 24-0.

It was hugely disappointing not to progress to the knockout stages, after all the hard work this season, but unfortunately the Bees couldn't replicate their normal form for long enough periods against very strong opposition.

Squad: Isaac McBride, Jacob Pereira, Joe Tanner, Charlie Bale, Dylan Morris, Ethan Watkins, Joseph Nationstead, Stephen Williams, Cian Anderson, Spencer Williams, Robson Mallam, Taylor Ross-Zeal, James Chapman. **JM**

The Park Vets enjoy Dockers Cup success



VALE MP Alun Cairns attended the Dockers Cup Final in the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football League Division 2, and presented the Park Vets team, and co-captains Brian George and Craig Rattenbury, with the trophy.

Mr Cairns was invited to attend the cup final where the Park Vets took on Mason's Moving Group at the Jenner Park stadium. The game proved to be

a great contest between the two teams with Park Vets winning 1-0 thanks to a Jeff Preece penalty.

Mr Cairns said: "I was delighted to accept the invitation from the Vale of Glamorgan Association Football league secretary, Matthew Davies. It was great to see Park Vets and Mason's Moving Group in the Vale League Cup Final for Division 2, and a pleasure to help present the trophies and thank the referees for their essential contribution to the match."

Sailing club's racing season begins

SUMMER must be on its way as members of Sully Sailing Club begin their racing season on Sunday, March 31.

With a brisk, if bitterly cold, easterly breeze, nine hardy sailors took to the water for the first two races in the spring series.

In the race one, Steve Marshall was first, Bob Lang second, and Lawrence Tulip third, the first two sailing Lasers, the third sailing a Catapult catamaran.

In race two, with a stiffening breeze, there were a few capsizes, leaving Steve

Marshall to lead the fleet home once again, followed by Lawrence Tulip, and Jerry Money, Jerry sailing a Dart 16 catamaran.

Sunday, April 7 saw further races in a cold south easterly wind. There were eight boats out with 11 sailors.

After a restart the first race the fast fleet was one by Bob Lang in a Laser, followed by Steve Marshall in a RS 700 and lastly by Andrew Evans in a Topaz cx14.

The slow fleet was won by Tim Grundy & Tony Jenkins in a GP14, followed by Nick Speller in a Topaz Uno

Race and lastly Tylo in a Topaz.

In the second race the first three were the same, except that Andrew Evans finished second and Steve Marshall finishing third. In the slow fleet first was Nick Speller followed by Tylo.

Anyone interested in joining this small friendly dinghy sailing club, please contact the membership secretary via the club website: www.sully-sailing.org.uk.

CP

OF the 29 clubs which have contested the Welsh Karate League this season, 20 attended the WKL Grand Finals, which took place at Penarth Leisure Centre on March 24.

Vale Karate's huge squad, over 80 Vale Karate youngsters, have entered the league this season, and their strength in depth has seen them lead the league from the start, amassing over 100 gold medals and over two hundred silver and bronze medals over the course of the season, on their way to an unassailable 1373 points, more than 800 ahead of any other clubs' total.

At the finals, the individuals who have earned the most points in their categories over the course of the season were acclaimed champion of champions, with ten such awards coming to Vale Karate.

Bradley Christoforato then accepted the award for most successful club on behalf of chief instructor Rob Copeland.

Two of Vale Karate's young champions, Christopher Slack and Kloe Christoforato, took the trophies in both their Kata and Kumite divisions, Chris in the under-10 advanced Kata and under-10 advanced boys kumite and Kloe in the under-12 advanced kata and under-12 girls kumite.

Finnian O'Donovan was dominant in the under-8 boys kumite, winning seven of the nine tournaments this season!

Max Baker took the under-10 novice kumite after a season-long tus-

le with team-mate Jack George, with Max taking the trophy by a solitary point, overtaking Jack courtesy of a gold at the last event.

Harrison Williams was level after eight events with team-mate Josh Dwyer, with the champions trophy set to go to the winner of the final event. The closest of fights saw Harrison edge it to take the trophy home.

Emma Squire was a comfortable winner of the under-14 novice kata, with seven gold and two silver medals this season.

Leah Copeland missed the first four ladies kata events of the season due to illness and injury, but won the champions trophy with a five tournament winning streak.

She earned 14 points in Penarth, also winning the under-18 ladies kumite and earning a silver in the ladies kumite.

Vale Karate's final trophy went to Rory O'Donovan, who took the veteran Mens Kumite title ahead of team mate Mike George.

Danica Apologista and Alexandra Slack won their under-10 and under-14 kata titles on the day but had not amassed enough points over the season to win the champions trophies.

Brad Christoforato has been unbeaten in either kata or kumite all season, but virtue of missing a couple of events also missed the champions cup.

The new season gets under way in April and an exciting development sees the league open its doors next season, with the unique and groundbreaking format arousing interest from all over the UK.

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Dinas Powys win torrid battle in the mud and rain

A MATCH played in torrential rain on a heavy, muddy pitch under low cloud at the head of Rhondda Fach, saw Dinas Powys RFC continue their winning ways.

Unbeaten since November 3, the Villagers produced a quality performance, scoring six tries in 61 minutes before they relented to the pleadings of the home committee members and called an end to a one-sided performance.

The pitch was judged playable prior to the start of play and the conditions would have been considered a great leveller, as skills with ball in hand were made much more difficult.

A powerful performance by the Dinas forwards allowed the visitors to dominate territory and possession and produce a highly satisfactory performance and result in difficult conditions.

The visitors kicked off and re-gathered the ball through the energetic chasing of flanker Ryan Shallis and defied the conditions by moving the ball sweetly from side to side amongst the three-quarters.

The pressure was intense and when the ball was lost in contact, the home side were grateful to kick the ball to clear their lines. One of these clearing kicks was gathered by fullback Nick

**DINAS POWYS
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Coles who ran the ball from deep in his own half, beating two home players before feeding Duke Durham on the right wing.

The fleet footed debutant skimmed across the surface before committing the final defender and passing inside to flanker Morgan Williams, who crossed for the opening score.

The restart, kicked low across the soggy surface, was expertly gathered by hooker Lloyd Horwood, who bullocked his way to halfway before feeding outside half Dai Lloyd, who produced a dazzling run amongst the gloom to score a stunning try.

After ten minutes, the Villagers of Dinas Powys led by ten points and even though Nick Coles struck the post with the conversion attempt, confidence oozed through the side after such a dynamic start to the game.

The game was played entirely in the Ferndale half and during this period a series of apparent tries were disallowed for various reasons.

James Walters took a quick tap penalty and crashed over, but the referee was explaining the reason for the penalty to the offender.

A pushover try was not awarded for a knock-on in the act of scoring; another was not given as

the final pass from John Evans to co-centre Mark Goode was forward.

The final ignominy was when a huge Dinas scrum effort saw the home side driven back at speed and penalised, as indomitable loose head prop Tom Paterson was adjudged to be pushing upwards.

Paterson, veteran of darker days in the club's history, was revelling in the conditions, not only at the scrum, but also catching high balls and driving on in the difficult conditions.

The frustration ended after a further quarter of an hour when a further powerful scrum allowed number 8 Gareth Williams to pick up at the base and dummy to scrum half Matthew Brown before splashing over for the Villagers' third try.

The restart allowed the home side a rare incursion into the Villagers' half and allowed them to gain a penalty, which they converted for their only score of the contest.

The bonus point-gaining try was soon scored. Following a powerful scrum that allowed the Dinas pack to win the ball against the head, an intricate period of passing involving forwards and backs allowed Morgan Williams to score his second try of the afternoon.

The tension amongst the coaching staff and players eased following the bonus point and it was a happy group that saw the arrival of half time with the score at 3-20.

The second half continued in similar mode as the Villagers pressed home their dominance, playing attractive rugby in the difficult conditions.

The players on both sides were difficult to differentiate between as their kit was covered in mud and the inevitable rolling mauls resembled moving earth mounds.

The fifth try was scored as second row Owen Stark crashed over, standing amongst the backs, and allowing Coles to kick his first conversion allowing the score to make the score 3-27.

The sixth Dinas try was scored by Number 8 Williams following a further powerful scrum and with Coles adding the conversion and the score standing at 3-34, the match official decided that the contest was at an end, as conditions made further play impossible.

A pleasing result following a fine controlled performance that will (hopefully) provide the platform to allow the Villagers to test themselves against unbeaten league leaders Glyncoch on the Common at 2.30pm on April 20.

HYWEL JONES

RECENTLY, students from JSTKD and Inner Spirit Tae Kwon Do attended a Korean kicking seminar performed by Master Jae Jeong.

Master Jae, who now resides in Australia, was brought to the UK by Mr Joseph Schembri, former world champion and head instructor for TKD Schools in the area.

Master Jae has a colourful background in Tae Kwon Do and Thai boxing. He trained in the Korean University system and competed at the Korean national level for many years. He went on to study Thai boxing. He now teaches in his own gym in Perth, Australia. He is also a practising

Buddhist, and has a firm belief in the meditation of peace within the martial art.

At the seminar, Master Jae taught all the basic kicks of Tae Kwon Do and performed advanced kicking drills for the students. The feedback was very positive from both students and spectators alike.

There were more than 50 students attending from Barry, Rhosce, Dinas Powys, St Athan and Llantwit Major. Also, guest instructors Mr Neil Gimbel and Mr Brian Taylor of Cowbridge and Cardiff were in attendance.

For more information, contact Mr Schembri on 0771234500 or visit www.jstkd.co.uk.

UNDER-12S PUT ON A THRILLER IN CUP FINAL



Barry Athletic

THIS season's Vale of Glamorgan Football League under-12s cup final saw Barry Athletic FC take on Barry Town FC at Jenner Park.

The Athletic started the stronger of the two teams and soon found themselves 1-0 up. Some good work from the striking partnership of Lawrence Walpole and Will Drew resulted in the ball falling nicely for the captain Connor Bright, who tucked the ball away.

Five minutes later, they doubled their advantage when Jack Such finished sweetly from outside of the box after an exchange of passes from Dafydd Jones and Sam Hopkins in the Athletic midfield.

Up until this point, Barry Town were kept at bay by the sterling defence of Sam Montgomery, Dan Barnett, Joe Allwood and Jack Such.

However, Barry Town, who had had a great result against Cogan in

the semi-final, got themselves back into the game when they placed a well taken corner into the Athletic penalty box. A scramble ensued and the Town attackers forced the ball into the net to make it 2-1.

Both teams took a well-earned rest at half-time, after covering every blade of grass on the large pitch.

When the game restarted, the hard-working Athletic midfield continued to shift the ball quickly and soon they were 3-1 up.

Drew played in Joshua Peets who turned and laid the ball off for Jordan Jones, who ran 20 yards with the ball and coolly finished into the bottom corner of the Town net.

Just five minutes later though, Barry Town were back in the game; the Town forwards put the Athletic defence under pressure, which resulted in the striker being bundled over in the box and a penalty was awarded.

The penalty was struck with power and the Athletic goalkeeper Ryan Aherne was unlucky not to get a stronger hand on the ball.

On came Matthew Mayor, Ewan Griffith and Dillon Lee to offer fresh legs for the blue and blacks, and with the clock ticking, the Athletic consolidated and managed to see off the determined Town side.

The game was played in a terrific spirit, with both teams being a credit to their coaches. The atmosphere generated by both sets of supporters always encouraged the teams and the match was well officiated by Chris Bowsher and the three young assistant referees, who were gaining much valued experience.

Well done to the Athletic for lifting the Brian Risborough Memorial Trophy in their first season of competitive football!

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Joy as the Bombettes make final!

WHEN BARRY BOMBETTES welcomed Croesyceiliog for their semi final make or break showdown, the whole team knew this would be our toughest game of the season, and so it turned out to be.

The game was played on a sodden pitch which soon descended into near mudbath conditions, with no team asking or giving any quarter in a brutal battle.

Barry used their home advantage to good use playing down the slope in the first half. The home coaching staff had done their homework well, identifying the Croesy No 10 as pivotal to the away team's play.

This was demonstrated early on with penetrative kicking behind the Barry backs. A revelation this season is the uncovering of our replacement full back O'Neill; she collected the ball, tore back into the chasing defenders, always making ground for her team, and several crunching tackles on the No 10 later meant her having to move to the comfort of the wing, negating their kicking game.

Every single home player played their A game in this crucial game. The defensive qualities of this magnificent team were demonstrated when Croesy

enjoyed their best spell of the game.

The away side pounded the Barry 22 and line, met with staunch stalwart Bombette tackling. With the try line inches away Barry turned the ball over, for Jones to punt a lovely clearing kick down the pitch.

This was the closest the away side came by half time, the score 0-0.

The second half started with more of the same from the home side. The Bombettes adapted to the conditions far better than Croesy. Utilising the power of their forwards the pick and drive ball, forcing the Croesy team into more and more infringements.

Richards took over touch kicking duties and did admirably. Bannister controlled her forwards and backs superbly and, when needed, took the game to Croesy herself, making several darting bursts.

Croesy were becoming increasingly desperate and resorted to 'other means' with one player receiving a yellow card for a loose boot. This invigorated the Bombettes who then exerted more pressure, with the scrum excellent the whole game.

Going into the last quarter with the game tied, the home forwards with centre Jones her normal tigerish self and ninth forward, powered into the away 22. Several draining scrums later for the away pack, saw Cole pick up from

the base and power over.

This sparked amazing scenes on the sidelines from the healthy home support. Richards coolly slotted over the extra points to make it Barry 7, Croesy 0. 'Super subs' were used, with Phillips replacing Horne and Kronida coming on for wing Potter.

Croesy briefly rallied but the home team were soon back in the opposing half. With minutes ticking down, a Croesy forward was red carded for losing her head and more foul play. Richards uncharacteristically missed the kick in dreadful kicking conditions.

In the final minutes, Barry controlled the ball beautifully through their forwards and the final whistle went to jubilant celebratory scenes.

A very tight game was won, but hats off to the defence shown by all and the changed back line with Britton on the wing and Beare at No 13 playing superbly. Every single player showed their true mettle, no-one took a backward step or showed weakness.

Team: O'Neill, Potter, Beare, K Jones (c), Britton, Rees, Bannister, Cole, Yapp, Williams, Garner-Joel, Boffy, Cahill, Richards, Horne. **Super subs:** Phillips, Kronida, B Jones, Kath Jones, Sam Cushen and A Wilson.

Barry woman of the match was awarded to Bannister, and Croesyceiliog chose Kim Jones.

The management would like to congratulate the whole team for a totally committed dogged professional performance and a well deserved semi-final victory. Many thanks to the intrepid supporters who came to watch the ladies, secure their win in damp conditions and thanks as ever to Rachel Baron for the lovely food.

The Bombettes played as a team and the author, on behalf of the coaching staff, is very proud to be part of this amazing squad and cup run.

The final takes place on Sunday, April 28 at Llandovery RFC (kick off 2pm) against Gwernhyfed. We will be running a supporters' coach, details to be posted.

AM

Harriers enjoy presentation night success



THERE was a brilliant turnout for the Barry and Vale Harriers' presentation night held at Barry RFC; a big thank you for those of you that attended and supported the club.

The following awards went out to these athletes: Faye Gibbon, Antonio Peacock.

In the under-15s, Mariella Watt, Mason Grady and Tillie Carter all picked up awards.

Endeavour awards went to Emily Ross Grace Corne, Amy Blake, while Harry Carter celebrated winning the under-13 gold as Welsh high jump champion, with Tillie Carter the under-17 silver Welsh medal for 3k walk.

The athletes work very hard training 12 months of the year throughout all sorts of weather and temperatures. A special thank you goes out to all the coaches Danny Carter,



Mathew Taylor, Andrew Joy, Ellie Wells, Danille Close, Dawn Howells, Ieuan Bennett, David Peacock, and Andy Wiggins, who work tirelessly with the children and young adults.

However, without one certain person this would not be possible, so on behalf of everyone at the club, thank you Fred Malkin for guiding all concerned with the Harriers.

LEE SAUNDERS

Local club to hold skittles tournament

THE Rhoose & District Social Club have officially announced that it is set to play host to a 6-a-side skittles tournament, which will last over the summer period.

The tournament will consist of a group stage, leading to a straight knockout until the tournament has a winning team.

Club secretary, Terry Anthony, has paid tribute to the club's brewery who has generously sponsored the tournament by donating a grand prize of £1,000 and a trophy, which will

be named the Carlsberg Cup.

The tournament will look to begin towards the end of May so there is plenty of time to register a team. There is an entry fee of £2 per player and up to 10 players can be registered in a team. There are no limitations (male, female, member, non-member) so anyone can enter.

The club invites anyone interested to join in with the fun and good luck to everyone that takes part. If anyone wishes to make an enquiry about registering a team, please contact the club on 01446 710260.

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WESTEND 2 NETBALL TEAM END ON A HIGH



The Westend 2 Team

WESTEND 2 netball team finish the league on a high. The girls got off to a slow start with injured players and facing some strong competition but settled into the last few games, working well as a team and playing some amazing netball.

Westend took on Amersham and broke away quite quickly with some fantastic goals being scored by Natalie

Bradfield, Becky Haysom and Nina Jones. Siobhan Griffiths, Claire Denton, Lindsay Miller and Hayley Greening in defence were strong with some amazing interceptions taking the ball quickly back through the court using centre court players Abi Ladner and Hannah Keeble – the final score ending Westend 26, Amersham 16.

The girls then took on Heath E, again starting well, with quick centre court play from Chantelle and Abi backed up by Hannah

and Hayley; this was by far Westend's best game with both attacking and defending being faultless.

The girls stormed home, the game ending Westend 32, Heath 10.

A massive well done to the team and good luck for next season.

Team: Siobhan Griffiths, Claire Denton, Nina Jones, Hayley Greening, Abi Ladner (captain) Hannah Keeble, Chantelle Meah, Natalie Bradfield, Lindsay Miller, Emma Hughes, Becky Haysom.

TUDOR WINS CLASSIC

JAMES TUDOR, assistant trainer to Llancarfan's Evan Williams, riding Mrs Jodie Pearn's nine-year-old Floridahall, landed the John Lovell Memorial Men's Open Race – which is the £1,000 South Wales Area Classic race – at the Ystrad Taf Fechan Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Ystradowen, where persistent rain throughout the afternoon changed the going from good to soft to heavy, by the time the last race had been run.

Florida Hall soon had his six rivals trailing in his wake and he romped home a distance ahead of Young Albert (Kris Hammer) with last year's winner Midnight Diamond (Matthew Barber) a further distance away in third place.

The favourite My Fella was pulled up three fences from the finish.

The AGA ladies' open race went to Chandlers Cross, an eleven-year-old chestnut gelding, who finished six lengths ahead of 20-1 outsider Kimora (Liz Kelly).

Chandlers Cross was ridden by his owner/trainer Jenny Price, aged 18, who was chalking-up her second win in just three rides. Lady Myfanwy (Lucy Jones) finished third and the favourite Lydstep Hills (Charlotte Evans) was fourth.

Ogmore's Nick Williams rode a double for Luke Price with Red

Watch in the Members race and Coosan Lad in the Intermediate.

Red Watch had four lengths to spare over Get Off The Table (Chris West) and Coosan Lad, the odds-on favourite, scored by 15 lengths from Tachbury (Jo Buck).

Bradley Gibbs, who rode a four-timer over the course seven days earlier, had to be satisfied with just the one winner on this occasion.

He took the Restricted Open on Oh Suzannah, a five-year-old bay mare, owned, trained and bred by Mr David Brace OBE, who named her after his great, great grandmother.

In the closest finish of the day, Oh Suzannah got home by half-a-length from Wiston Dreamer.

Miss Samantha Butler's five-year-old chestnut Snap It Up, a 14-1 outsider, ridden by Evan David, had a length to spare over An Cor (Chris West) in the Young Horse Maiden after taking the lead five fences from home.

The Eight-Year-Olds And Over Maiden went to Mr Dilwyn Tranter's Bang On Trend who, ridden by his trainer Chris West, won by a distance from Bred To Win (Rachel Leyshon) the only other finisher. The favourite Howya Buddy (James Tudor) looked like romping home only to fall three fences from the finish.

BRIAN LEE

Local girls get national caps

FOUR girls from Dinas Powys, Penarth and Barry have been selected to play basketball for Wales.

Rosie Peterson (aged 14) from Dinas Powys and Tizzie Birch Hurst (15) from Penarth, both attend Stanwell High School.

Carys Allen from Penarth (aged 14) attends St Cyres and Kelsey Penikett (15) attends Sir Richard Gwyn. They all play for the Huskies Basketball team in Holm View, Barry and for their schools, and are going to Gibraltar in July to represent Wales in the FIBA European championships – are playing teams from all over Europe.

Two teams are representing Wales under-18s and under-16s girls and 20 players out of over 40 girls who play basketball for Wales are going.

It is difficult to encourage girls of this

age group to do exercise so to have these girls who are so committed is brilliant. They train four times a week and are an inspiration for other teenage girls; these girls can carry on representing their country as adults and some may eventually represent Great Britain.

Unfortunately, girls basketball is not well funded in this country and they rely on sponsorship, they are looking for a company to sponsor their kit. If anyone is interested in sponsoring the Welsh Basketball teams, please get in touch.

Barry Huskies are running free girls-only training sessions for six weeks at Ysgol Pen y Garth, Penarth, on Mondays 4.30pm to 6pm, thanks to a Sported grant. This is a great opportunity for teenage girls to get fit and have fun; all girls are welcome, aged 12 to 16.

CHARLOTTE DAVEY

SEAVIEW LADS' AWFUL RESULTS

THE past few months have been awful as far as results are concerned but members have continued to enjoy the camaraderie and social aspects of being a Seaview Lad.

In the past month we have enjoyed two mystery trips - one intended, one with the compliments of a bus pass.

On our trip to Chesil we sought plaice but only landed small fish with a solitary dog helping a winning weight. Breakfast was good, we took in some lovely country roads and enjoyed a five hour journey; thankfully the return was quicker!

Twenty seven anglers joined the annual mystery tour and ended

up fishing on Clevedon Pier - no fish were landed but it was a good day and enjoyed by all. Well done to everyone that is still making the effort to fish comps- things can only get better!

RESULTS:

April 12: 1st Gethin Clarke 5oz pout; March 23: 1st M Langford 11b 6oz, 2nd S Doble 11b 3oz, 2nd J Bray 11b 3oz, 4th S Davies 11b 1oz, 5th A Harris 01b 6 oz, 6th P Coles 01b 5oz, 6th K Salah 01b 5oz, 7th G Morgam 01b 4oz, 8th M Kerslake 01b 2oz.

March 3: 1st M Kerslake 11b 4oz, 2nd A Harris 01b 4oz, 3rd P Coles 01b 6oz, 4th M Langford 01b 4oz, 5th G Clarke 01b 7oz.

March 1: 1st P Coles 41b 7oz, 2nd T McGarrigle 11b 1oz, 3rd G Warner 01b 12oz, 4th M Kerslake 01b 4oz.

JC